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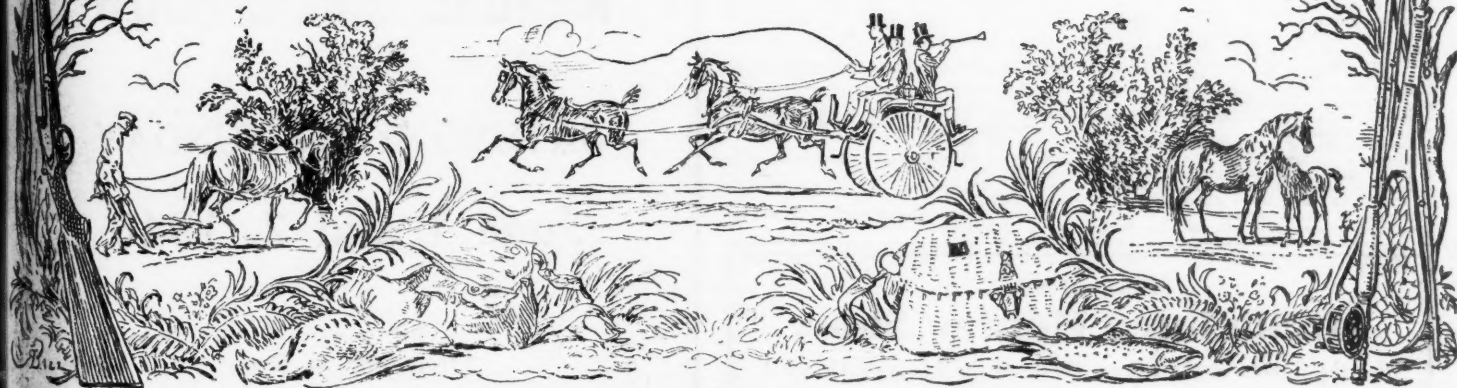
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THE SPORTING CALENDAR

NOTICE

Current space limitations prevent the publication of The Sporting Calendar each week. For the time being this calendar, complete with the most up-to-date listing of all sporting fixtures will be published the first week of each month. Attention is invited to this change and it is requested that all dates for new fixtures, changes and other addenda be reported promptly to The Chronicle, Middleburg, Va.

The last calendar was published May 3, the next will appear in the June 7 issue.

Huntsman's Pride Ties Rose Gold At Six Feet In Mayfield Horse Show

By Walter Craigie

In an exhibition which included a couple of potential champions among the entries, Mrs. E. M. Carhart of New York City, rode her own Lucky Buck to the hunter championship of the Mayfield Farm Horse Show, held at Ellerson, Va., on April 28.

A capacity crowd viewed the afternoon's proceedings, in which unlooked-for entries jammed the classes with 20 to 30 horses each.

Spectators took an interested and favorable look at Mrs. Stephen Clark's Lord Mountbatten, handled by Alex Calvert, and W. Haggin Perry's Blue Spark, ridden by Jimmy Haris.

Blue Spark turned in several lovely performances in the hack classes, taking the blue in both road hacks and hunter hacks. He ended the day as the reserve hunter champion after tying with Fay Taylor Jr.'s Waverly Molly and Mr. Perry's other entry, Shamrock.

The jumper crown went to Mr. and Mrs. Verser Todd's Huntsman's Pride, ridden by Eugene Cunningham. After winning the difficult modified olympic, the honest, brown gelding was literally flipped to the championship. He tied with Mrs. K. M. Bruce's Rose Gold at six feet in the knock-down-and-out, and finally won the toss. This win then tied him with Miss Peggy Sampson's Hellzapoppin for the championship and, due to darkness, it again was necessary to flip. Again Cunningham won, leaving Hellzapoppin, piloted by Billy Friedhoff, with the reserve.

The judges were Norman Haymaker and Lodge Bowles.

SUMMARIES

Model hunters—1. Lord Mountbatten, Mrs. Stephen Clark; 2. Blue Spark, W. Haggin Perry; 3. Chilly Belle, Hendricks Brothers.

Junior equitation—1. Billy Thomas; 2. Gloria Galban; 3. Beth Taylor.

Pony jumping—1. Merry Legs, Mrs. Allan Ryan; 2. Prince Charming, Mrs. Verser Todd; 3. Top Hat, Frances Shield.

Walk-trot class—1. Duke of Rockaway, Suzanne Freeman; 2. Merry Legs, Mrs. Allan Ryan; 3. Captain Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Parker.

Green hunters—1. Waverly Molly, Fay Taylor, Jr.; 2. Shamrock, W. Haggin Perry; 3. Twildo, Lee Rothenberg.

Road hacks—1. Blue Spark, W. Haggin Perry; 2. Merry Legs, Mrs. Allan Ryan; 3. Captain Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Parker.

Open jumpers—1. Hellzapoppin, Peggy Sampson; 2. Dainty Miss, L. M. Newcomb; 3. Little Chief, Grover Vandevender.

Hunter hacks—1. Blue Spark, W. Haggin Perry; 2. Lord Mountbatten, Mrs. Stephen Clark; 3. Lucky Buck, Mrs. E. M. Carhart.

Modified Olympic—1. Huntsman's Pride, Mr. and Mrs. Verser Todd; 2. Sano, Dr. W. H. Lowe; 3. Rose Gold, Mrs. K. M. Bruce; 4. Egg Nog, Mrs. Alex Calvert.

Owners up—1. Fay Taylor, Jr.; 2. Stuart Felvey; 3. Eileen Brent.

Touch-and-out—1. Hellzapoppin, Peggy Sampson; 2. Captain d'Arcy, Lewis Wallihan; 3. Dainty Miss, L. M. Newcomb.

Working hunters—1. Lucky Buck, Mrs. E. M. Carhart; 2. Grey Dawn, Gloria Galban; 3. Shamrock, W. Haggin Perry.

Knock-down-and-out—1. Huntsman's Pride,

Magic Luck Annexes Hunter Championship At Boulder Brook

By James A. Tyler Jr.

Boasting a list of some 160 horses and over 700 entries, the largest gathering for a two-day program in this eastern section during the past four years, the Annual Boulder Brook Club Indoor Horse Show was held at the club's indoor ring in Scarsdale, New York on April 27-28th. Al Homewood, show manager, had the same trouble that he always had in previous events and that is a large overflow of horses with no place to put them after the available stall space was filled up.

The outstanding conformation hunter of the two-day card was Magic Luck ridden by Ann Morningstar who is known for the manner in which she handles Magic Luck and other show horses with great success. Magic Luck negotiated his fences with perfect consistency, and was in for 3 blues, 2 reds and 2 yellows out of nine classes. This chestnut gelding annexed blues in the model, open, ladies, 2nds in the lightweight, amateur-to-ride, and two 3rds in hunter-under-saddle and preliminary to have a grand total of 20 1-2 points, which gave him the championship rosette by 3 points over Joe Hale's imported Irish hunter, Golden Hill. Golden Hill never lost a championship while he was owned across the water in Ireland.

This recently imported horse, a very smooth moving chestnut gelding shown for the first time in this country, gave a good account of himself in all classes, took one 1st in the hunter hack, hunter-under-saddle, preliminary and 2 reds, they being in the limit, green along with thirds in the model, middle-heavy, open, amateur-to-ride, to give him the reserve tri-color. Golden Hill's stable-mate Willow Green another imported bay colt, won the conformation hunter stake with a perfect performance and both of these were ridden throughout the show by one of the country's best hunter-jumper trainers, Stuart Lenham, who formerly worked for Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gilbert of North Salem, New York.

Mrs. John J. Farrell's gray 6-year-old Guardsman also took his share of wins by taking blues in the green, middle-heavy, amateur-to-ride and

Mr. and Mrs. Verser Todd; 2. Rose Gold, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Bruce; 3. Silver King, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Bruce.

Mayfield Farm Challenge Trophy—1. Billy Thomas.

Hunter champion—Lucky Buck; reserve, Blue Spark.

Jumper champion—Huntsman's Pride; reserve, Hellzapoppin.

2nds in the stake and preliminary to finish a very close 3rd with 17 points, just one half a point behind the reserve champion Golden Hill.

Competition among the open jumpers made the most thrilling exhibition of the show and spectators saw jump offs at 5'-6". That famous grey lepper of the show ring, Peg's Pride, a five-year-old mare owned by Hutchinson Farms, went well throughout the two day show and finished three points ahead of Blanche Krupnick's Liberty Bell for championship honors. Last years National jumper champion, General, now owned by the Joseph Hale, was also well up in the awards. Stuart Lanham rode General to win the Professional Horseman's Assn.'s Challenge Trophy class for open jumpers. Pabst Brew, owned by Mrs.

George Braun, won the jumper stake with General 2nd and Peg's Pride 3rd.

In the horsemanship classes Nancy Dean won the N. H. S. Good Hands with Peter Packard in there for 2nd. Elaine Moore won the A. S. P. C. A. award for horsemanship over jumps with Nancy Moran taking 2nd. Miss Moran reversed this score in the championship (hunter seat) class in which Elaine Moore was 2nd. Corinne Hoffman won the championship for saddle seat while snappy little Anne C. Ritterbush garnered the reserve.

Judges for the show were Mrs. Victor H. Wesson of Palmer, Mass., Mrs. Frederick Van Leunep, Charles J. Barrie, Howard E. Bailey and Hubert Moseley. Otis Trowbridge

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Comet's Performance Tops In Napa Show Hunter Division

By Selma Piazza

Northern California's horse show season, opened Sunday, April 28th, with the 6th Annual Napa Spring Show held at the Napa Fair Grounds. This was also the first show in California to restrict jumpers from showing in hunter classes and vice versa, as endorsed by the West Coast Hunter-Jumper Assn. Since there was only one class for hunters and one for jumpers, the turn-out of horses was not very large. As a matter of fact, there seemed to be more riders and owners in the audience than there were participating.

The best round of the day was made by Comet, a bay mare owned and shown by Olive Crossen. Comet had the only clean performance in the hunter class to take 1st over Kathleen McLoughlin's Bar Fly. Scrap Iron, a "picture book" grey owned by the Barbara Worth Stables was 3rd while Sun Cloth, another grey, with owner "Bud" Little up, had a nice go for 4th.

The open jumper class, over a course of 4 jumps, twice around, set at 4'-6", was replete with knock-downs, refusals, and run-outs. There were no clean rounds among the 12 horses showing. Eva Gene Dauger's Bitouac placed 1st over Bill Arruda's Plucky Spirit (who seemed to be the only horse in the class to like the ring). The Barbara Worth Stables' Billy Sunday and Y-Bar-Me tied for 3rd and 4th, with the decision for 3rd going by choice to the grey horse, Billy Sunday.

Equitation for youngsters, 16 and under, really stole the show and saw awards for both "Western" saddle riders and flat saddle riders. The "small fry" winners of both divisions, two little girls whose aggregate ages probably totalled 10, had the distinction of receiving their awards from General "Hap" Arnold, now turned gentleman farmer in nearby Sonoma.

Margaret Robinson, daughter of Betty and Roy Robinson of the Maples Stables, Woodland, who have the top saddlebreds and hackneys on the coast, had an easy win in the "Western" division over a large class of children, all much older than she. In 2nd place was Sally Wright, over Maynard Wilms, and Sandra Grove.

In the flat saddle division, Mary Louise Avist, impeccably turned-out, placed 1st over Carol Buck, the Richardson "filles", and Marilyn Rogers. While it would appear that girls predominated in the class it

was not so; the gals were predominated in the winner's circle.

Otto F. Rousseau of Long Beach, capably judged hunters and jumpers and, in addition the saddlebred division, hackneys, roadsters, and a pleasure class limited to members of the Napa Valley Horsemen's Association, sponsors of the show. Al St. John, officiated as announcer with his usual good taste and judgment.

Boulder Brook Show Continued from Page Two

was back at his old job of announcing for which he is again available after a war time absence from the ring.

SUMMARIES

Model Hunters—1. Magic Luck, B. E. Bowen; 2. Bimbambo, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gilbert; 3. Golden Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hale; 4. Pink Clover, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver D. Appleton.

Novice Jumpers—1. Victory Lad, Cadet Joseph P. Billera; 2. Topsy, Cadet Nils Nelson; 3. Missy, Richard Verrilli; 4. Pomp's Pal, Cadet Gilbert R. Fornatora.

Limit Hunters—1. Rose Parade, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wilcox; 2. Golden Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hale; 3. Peace Bridge, Miss Elizabeth Ham; 4. Spain, Cadet Lawrence Short.

Green Hunters—1. Guardsman, Mrs. John J. Farrell; 2. Golden Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hale; 3. Miss Diana, Mrs. John J. Farrell; 4. Spain, Cadet Lawrence Short.

Open Jumpers—1. Liberty Bell, Miss Blanche Krupnick; 2. Lark Alley, Miss Elaine Moore; 3. Peg's Pride, Hutchinson Farms; 4. Victory Lad, Cadet Joseph P. Billera.

N. H. S. "Good Hands Event"—1. Miss Nancy Dean; 2. Peter Packard; 3. Miss Elsie Koenig; 4. Miss Mary Ann Bacon; 5. Miss Elsie Wachendorf; 6. Miss Jean Kugelmann.

Working Hunters, Middle and heavyweight—1. Guardsman, Mrs. John J. Farrell; 2. Argument, Donald Sutherland; 3. Warrior, James A. Tyler, Jr.; 4. King O' Hearts, Cadet Albert Markel.

Limit Jumpers—1. Surprise Champ, Joseph Raker; 2. Pomp's Pal, Cadet Gilbert R. Fornatora; 3. Fore and Aft, Dick Webb; 4. Victory Lad, Cadet Joseph P. Billera.

Children's Hunters—1. Rose Parade, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wilcox; 2. Forward Passer, Miss Peggy Johnson; 3. Miss Diana, Mrs. John J. Farrell; 4. Dorothy M., Mrs. Frank W. Packard.

Children's Jumpers—1. The Fox, Skipper Schroeder; 2. Birchbark, Hutchinson Farms; 3. Laughter, Jean Corcoran; 4. Victory Lad, Cadet Joseph P. Billera.

Working Hunters, lightweight—1. Rose Parade, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wilcox; 2. Holle Jo, Donald Sutherland; 3. Miss Diana, Mrs. John J. Farrell; 4. Spain, Cadet Lawrence Short.

Open Jumping—4 ft. to 4 ft. 6-1. Peg's Pride, Hutchinson Farms; 2. Liberty Bell, Miss Blanche Krupnick; 3. Pabst Brew, Mrs. George E. Braun; 4. Lark Alley, Miss Elaine Moore.

A. S. P. C. A. "Horsemanship Event"—MacLay Trophy—1. Miss Elaine Moore; 2. Miss Nancy Moran; 3. Frank D. Chapot; 4. Skipper Schroeder; 5. Miss Pat Kelly; 6. Miss Barbara Fyfe.

Open Jumpers—1. General, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hale; 2. Peg's Pride, Hutchinson Farms; 3. Why Worry, Cadet Allan Merkel; 4. Little Hugh, Myron Bonis.

Middle and Heavyweight Hunters—1. Guardsman, Mrs. John J. Farrell; 2. Warrior, James A. Tyler, Jr.; 3. Golden Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hale; 4. Argument, Donald Sutherland.

Lightweight Hunters—1. Norwood, Donald Sutherland; 2. Magic Luck, B. E. Bowen; 3. Forward Passer, Miss Peggy Johnson; 4. Miss Diana, Mrs. John J. Farrell.

Hunter Hack—1. Golden Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hale; 2. Pink Clover, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gilbert; 3. Bimbambo, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wilcox.

Working Hunters, Open—1. Warrior, James T. Tyler, Jr.; 2. Holle Jo, Donald Sutherland; 3. Rose Parade, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wilcox; 4. Kap's Al, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver D. Appleton.

Knock Down and Out—1. Tops'l, Dick Webb; 2. Brown John, Joseph Raker; 3. Mickey

Rooney, Anne Morningstar; 4. My Folly, R. D. Messner.

Open Jumpers—1. Liberty Bell, Miss Blanche Krupnick; 2. Peg's Pride, Hutchinson Farms; 3. Tops'l, Dick Webb; 4. Brown John, Joseph Raker.

Open Hunters—1. Magic Luck, B. E. Bowen; 2. Norwood, Donald Sutherland; 3. Golden Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hale; 4. Willow Green, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hale.

Professional Horseman's Assn. Challenge Trophy for Open Jumpers—1. General, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hale; 2. Tops'l, Dick Webb; 3. Liberty Bell, Blanche Krupnick; 4. Pabst Brew, Mrs. George E. Braun.

Ladies' Hunters—1. Magic Luck, B. E. Bowen; 2. Holle Jo, Donald Sutherland; 3. Warrior, James A. Tyler, Jr.; 4. Peace Bridge, Miss Elizabeth Ham.

Jumpers, Amateurs to ride—1. Lark Alley, Elaine Moore; 2. Peg's Pride, Hutchinson Farms; 3. Liberty Bell, Blanche Krupnick; 4. The Wolf, Mrs. T. F. Gussenhoven.

Hunters, amateurs to ride—1. Guardsman, Mrs. John J. Farrell; 2. Magic Luck, B. E. Bowen; 3. Golden Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hale; 4. Norwood, Donald Sutherland.

Open Jumping—1. Lark Alley, Elaine Moore; 2. Peg's Pride, Hutchinson Farms; 3. Fast Time, R. D. Messner; 4. The Wolf, Mrs. T. F. Gussenhoven.

Children's Working Hunters—1. Rose Parade, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wilcox; 2. Miss Diana, Mrs. J. J. Farrell; 3. Toval, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wilcox; 4. Forward Passer, Peggy Johnson.

Children's Horsemanship, champion saddle seat: Cronne Hoffman; reserve: Anne C. Ritterbush.

Children's Horsemanship, hunter seat: Nancy Moran; reserve: Elaine Moore.

Working Hunters—1. Miss Diana, Mrs. J. J. Farrell; 2. Holle Jo, Donald Sutherland; 3. Warrior, James A. Tyler, Jr.; 4. Spain, Cadet Lawrence Short.

Hunters under saddle—1. Golden Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hale; 2. Bimbambo, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gilbert; 3. Magic Luck, B. E. Bowen; 4. Dunkirk, Mrs. David Yandell.

Knock-Down-And-Out—1. Brown John, Joseph Raker; 2. Tops'l, Dick Webb; 3. Why Worry, Cadet Albert Merkel; 4. Liberty Bell, Blanche Krupnick.

Working Hunters Stake—1. Guardsman, Mrs. J. J. Farrell; 2. Holle Jo, Donald Sutherland; 3. Rose Parade, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wilcox; 4. Peace Bridge, Elizabeth Ham.

\$200 Hunter Stake—1. Willow Green, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hale; 2. Guardsman, Mrs. J. J. Farrell; 3. Norwood, Donald Sutherland; 4. Warrior, James A. Tyler, Jr.

\$200 Jumper Stake—1. Pabst Brew, Mrs. George E. Braun; 2. General, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hale; 3. Peg's Pride, Hutchinson Farms; 4. Mickey Rooney, Anne Morningstar.

Hunter Champion Preliminary—1. Golden Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hale; 2. Guardsman, Mrs. J. J. Farrell; 3. Magic Luck, B. E. Bowen; 4. Norwood, Donald Sutherland.

Hunter Championship: Magic Luck, B. E. Bowen; reserve: Golden Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hale.

Jumper Champion: Peg's Pride, Hutchinson Farms; reserve: Liberty Bell, Blanche Krupnick.

Judges: Charles J. Barrie, Teaneck, N. J.; Howard F. Bailey, Glen Head, L. I., N. Y.; Hubert Moseley, Port Chester, N. Y.

Bonne Nuit Progeny Score One-Two In Washington Show

By Margaret Cotter

Miss Betty Hurst's Greylark was a double winner in the Washington Bridle Trails, Ass'n., Horse Show, Sunday May 5, on Equitation Field in Rock Creek Park, Washington, D. C. Continued on Page Eighteen



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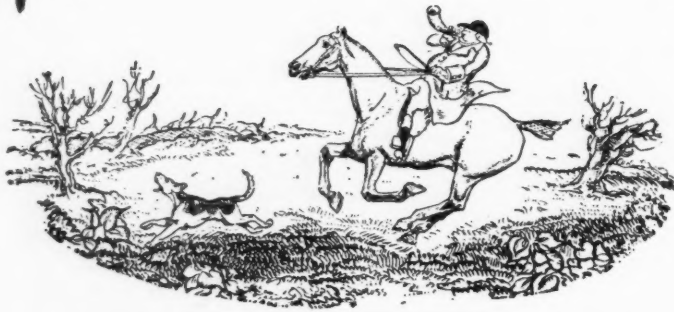
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The hunt on March 26th was one of the fastest runs of the season—a damp day with a slight drizzle. Mr. Ely, hunting hounds, said it was the best pack he had had out all season, various injured hounds were recovered, top bitches "out of the convent", etc., made 21 couples that gave us 50 minutes of the greatest music your correspondent has ever heard. Finding in the Lake Pines our pilot circled in the Pines a few times before he straightened out, and set his mask due east then he came around left handed, and sailed away for the upper reaches of the Wissahickon. Hounds were racing yet carrying a terrific volume of music. On and on they went without a check. Farmers were hysterically shouting encouragement to us as we tore past. It was not until the Norris Woods that our straight-necked pilot decided to turn and make down country. But by the Reiger's Woods the pack was closing up on him and we could see his brush matted and heavy from the wet clay soil so our game pilot went under here. Every hound of the 21 couples was up, the horses fit as they were, white with lather and steaming, and all agreeing that it really was one for the book.

On March 30 what was to be the longest point in the history of Mr. Ely's hounds started off inauspiciously. First a hard rain caused the hour to be advanced from 11:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M. Next the home coverts were to have been drawn first on this last day of the season but a buck deer had been viewed there early that morning and when the report reached us just before moving off the Master switched to the Montgomeryville area.

As we hacked along to these coverts the large flat fields of Montgomery Township stretched away on each side and the whole landscape was still brown and gray but the winter tones were relieved here and

there by the gay yellow of the forsythia and the light green of an occasional willow.

The first coverts were blank but in the Deserted Cabin Woods hounds found and split immediately on 2 foxes—our field of 21 dividing themselves about equally on our two pilots. Soon after all hounds were together and ran with a great cry across the Bucks County line, then, hunting left-handed, they came around in a circle and started on what was to be a 9½ mile point. The going was heavy and the takeoffs poor and there were several loose horses in the first ½ hour.

Our pilot left Prospectville on his left, crossed just by Welsh Corners, came 2 miles down country straight as a die, crossed through Carter's Woods, ran 1 mile through our Master's farm including the very coverts which we had avoided on account of the buck deer.

Your correspondent thought her horse was really fit, but already the pace was beginning to tell and as the horses rolled down across those grass fields, it was a beautiful panorama as the field sailed down into those post and rail panels of the White Marsh country, each 5 panels wide. Colonel Plumer gave us a halloo as we galloped past "Plumer Towers" and told of seeing our fox hit 2 openings in a Page wire fence right on the nose. It is indeed wonderful how a fox can keep his landmarks so well in his mind that he never wavers from each opening.

On through the Big Woods our pilot went passing close by several stout earths. Now it was down across Mr. Bauer's big pasture fields, and across the Sunnyside Pike with the local township cop joining in with the 2 State Police who had been following. Leaving Spring House on his left, our stout pilot went on through the Ingersoll estates, by the Penlyn Club, and then tried an open drain but it had too much water in it. Then he scrambled up a railroad embankment and ran the Reading tracks for 200 yards, apparently trying to kill off hounds by an oncoming train as foxes so often do. Quick work by 2 hunting farmers got hounds off in time and then they hit it off again

in the bottom. Our fox was now entering the thousands of acres of the Gwynllan and Normandy farms with the 20½ couples of this famous pack racing on a breast high scent, sometimes only a 100 yards behind him. Of our original field only about 1/3 now survived, but it had been augmented by various riders who seemed to have sprung up out of the ground, and our motorized divisions were becoming almost a traffic menace as they followed along on the distant flank. Crossing north of Franklinville hounds then swung left handed leaving Heeberville on their right. Our pilot made his first circle but changed his mind apparently, and leaving Center Square on his left ran on across the Skippack Pike and entered the country of the Perkiomenville Valley Hunt, making it the third "country" he had gone through that day. Just north of the Reading Pike our fox turned again, and came back to cross the Skippack Pike west of Belfry. Here an unfortunate procession of whizzing automobiles came tearing down on this sunny Saturday afternoon and turned our fox. He made another short circle, but it was too late, and running from scent to view hounds rolled him over in Mrs. Strawbacker's after the longest run since the historic one of December 10, 1935, (when hounds ran over 7 hours through Marlborough, Upper Hanover, Lower Milford, Milford and Upper Salford Townships). Today the point was exactly 9½ miles from where he had been started, and more than twice that distance as hounds ran, with not one of the 20½ couples missing. And so closed the best season in many years, and an uninterrupted 3 to 4 days a week even through those wintry months of January, February and March, and 102 hunting days in the season.

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Ellie Wood Keith Wins Farmington Point-To-Point

The annual Farmington Hunt Point-to-Point was held at Foxfield's, home of Grover Vandevander on Sunday, April 14 near University, Va. The course was laid out over 4 miles of the surrounding countryside and the going and the day were ideal. A large crowd of enthusiasts of cross country racing was on hand.

Miss Ellie Wood Page Keith rode her hunting mare Some Wrackette, a Rockminister daughter, out of an *Wrack mare, to win the featured President's Bowl ladies race by a short head. William G. "Billy" Jones scored a repeat victory on the veteran brush chaser *Treford to win the men's race.

This was a surprise fixture to The Chronicle. The flagged point course was a good test over 4 miles of the best Farmington country. Nine ladies went to the post in the President's Bowl, feature event of the day, which resolved quickly into a contest between Miss Keith on her Some Wrackette and Miss Rosalie Tunstall on her winner last year, Refair. Miss Keith rode a heads up race throughout and was able to sustain an advantage at the finish on a tiring mount.

Miss Tunstall took her Catalan hunter away on top as the starter dropped the flag, setting a very fast pace, which was held throughout most of the 15 jumps of the natural hunting country course. At the second flag, Miss Keith and Miss Tunstall missed the sharp turn and lost ground, before turning for home. Miss Keith was able to get Some Wrackette about more quickly and in the end saved a lot of ground on Refair.

With only 3 fields to go to the

finish, Miss Keith and Some Wrackette were leading by many lengths. However, Miss Tunstall put Refair to running and was gaining in every stride, until Refair put in a bad one at the last fence. Still it was a tight finish through the final field. Miss Judy Harvey rode her Nagasaki to finish 3rd.

All the ladies finished the course, which they ran in the good time of 7:40, bettering the men's time by 22 seconds.

In the men's race, 5 faced the starter. William G. Jones, well known chasing trainer and gentleman rider, up on the veteran chaser *Treford, a winner at the big time last year, made most of the pace throughout. In the finishing field Mr. Jones was able to get his 14-year-old imported son of Harford past the judges for a nose decision. *Treford is a birthday horse from Mr. Jones' mother, Mrs. J. P. Jones and was used by Mr. Jones to whip on regularly this year.

Grover Vandevander, Farmington Huntsman, sent his Major Pete out on top to the 1st fence, but thereafter it was Bradley Peyton III on his own hunter Norris W., who contested every yard of the way. Frank Wilson on Kanova, pushed them along, until he had the misfortune to have his saddle slip.

Mr. Wilson kept on, still was within striking distance over the last several fences and through the last field, riding bare-back with his saddle down under his horse. The time was 8:02.

Summaries
Farmington Hunt Point-to-Point, Ladies Race, abt. 4 miles, flagged points. For horses hunted regularly with Farmington Hunt. To be ridden in hunting kit. Catch weights. Plate to winner. Winner: B. f. 8, by Rockminister—Mollie Wrack, by *Wrack. Breeder: Owner. Time: 7:40.
1. Some Wrackette, (Miss Ellie Wood Page Keith), Miss Ellie Wood Page Keith.
2. Refair, (Miss Rosalie Tunstall), Miss Rosalie Tunstall.
3. Nagasaki, (Miss Judy Harvey), Miss Judy Harvey.
Nine started; also ran (order of finish): Mrs. Thomas Renwick's Daisy Court, Mrs.

Baby Seal Outstanding Entry Of Glenmore Hunt Hunter Trials

By Elizabeth J. Taylor

Glenmore Hunt held its annual hunter trials on Saturday, April 20, over its regular course on the David E. Silling Farm. The course is 1 1-2 miles long, with 14 jumps, including post-and-rail, chicken coops, Aiken, panel, and brush. The land is rolling and quite rugged, and the course is ideal both as a test of the good hunter and for the spectator, every jump being easily viewed from a nearby hilltop.

Baby Seal, the good bay mare belonging to Miss Shirley McGavock, of Farmington, and Alzard, a daughter of Haphazard, owned by Forest T. Taylor, were the outstanding horses of the trials. Baby Seal took the blues in the lightweight, Thoroughbred, and ladies hunter classes,

Thomas Renwick; Roger Rinehart's Mr. Ha Ha, Miss Patton Jansen; Miss Ellie Wood Keith's Short Hair, Miss Jean Lindsay; Miss Gloria Galban's Little Chief, Miss Gloria Galban; Mrs. Frank Wilson's Watch Virginia, Mrs. Frank Wilson; Miss Ellie Wood Keith's Primevera, Miss Lucy Henderson.

Farmington Hunt Point-to-Point, Men's Race, abt. 4 miles, flagged points. For horses hunted regularly with Farmington Hunt. To be ridden in hunting kit. Catch weights. Plate to winner. Winner: Br. g., 14, by Harford—Tresina, by Tredennis. Breeder: P. D. Cullinan, (England). Time: 8:02.
1. *Treford, (William G. Jones), William G. Jones.
2. Norris W., (Bradley Peyton III), Bradley Peyton III.
3. Kanova, (Frank Wilson), Frank Wilson.
Five started; also ran (order of finish): Robert Carter's My Hero, Robert Carter; Grover Vandevander's Major Pete, Grover Vandevander.

while Alzard won the middle and heavyweight class and the members' class, and was one of the winning hunt team. In addition, Alzard took the 3rd ribbon in the Thoroughbred and ladies hunters.

Baby Seal was ridden throughout the afternoon by Miss Ellie Wood Keith in the absence of her owner, who is at school in Florida. Miss Keith also piloted Rodger Rinehart's Mr. Ha Ha to 2nd place in the lightweight, Thoroughbred and ladies classes.

Summaries
Lightweight hunters—1. Baby Seal, Shirley McGavock; 2. Mr. Ha Ha, Rodger Rinehart; 3. Su Linn, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Berry; 4. Grey Dawn, Capt. Wm. Weiner.
Middle and heavyweight hunters—1. Alzard, Forest T. Taylor; 2. Major Pete, Grover Vandevander; 3. Dun Raven, David S. Tibbals; 4. Ranger, V. M. I. Stables.
Thoroughbred hunters—1. Baby Seal, Shirley McGavock; 2. Mr. Ha Ha, Rodger Rinehart; 3. Alzard, Forest T. Taylor; 4. Saskia, Forest T. Taylor.
Half-bred hunters—1. V. M. I. Stables; 2. Su Linn, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Berry; 3. Baltimore, Forest T. Taylor; 4. Ranger, V. M. I. Stables.
Ladies' hunters—1. Baby Seal; 2. Mr. Ha Ha; 3. Alzard; 4. Su Linn.
Members class—1. Alzard; 2. Grey Dawn, Capt. Weiner; 3. Baltimore; 4. Saskia.
Hunt teams—1. Alzard; Grey Dawn, Thistle, C. E. Bush, Jr.; 2. Su Linn; Saskia; Baltimore; 3. Black Beauty, R. M. Crosby; Sweet Pea, C. Malcom Crosby; Guardian Girl, John Robinson.



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9. BEAVERKILL—D. bay; by *MULTORB out of a granddaughter of GAY CRUSADER. 15:3 1/2 hands, 74" girth, 8" bone.
10. WICKHAM FANCY—Lt. chestnut; by a *MULTORB son out of a CENTURION mare. 15:3 hands, 75" girth, 8 1/4" bone.
11. SILVER DOCTOR—Dapple grey; by GOLDBUG out of a CENTURION mare. 16 hands, 76" girth, 8 1/2" bone.

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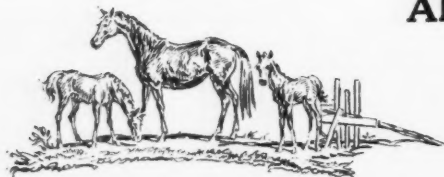
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Thoroughbreds

By Salvator

Editor's Note: Owing to the illness of Salvator his usual weekly letter will not appear this issue. He hopes to resume his letters with next week's issue.

Maine Chance Farm's Racing String Burns In Arlington Fire

By Margaret de Martelly

Following a thorough investigation, it is the unanimous opinion of all concerned, that the Thursday May 2 fire at Arlington Park was not in any way, due to negligence on the part of the management.

The track maintains its own fire patrol system and a very efficient system of policing all stables and track installations. All electric wires are in metal conduits. The lights were on all during the fire and were extinguished only when the structure fell. The fire started in an inside tack room which was being occupied by two men who were not there at the time. Only 5 minutes before the alarm was given, the fire patrol had passed and no indication of fire was in evidence.

Benjamin F. Lindheimer, president of Arlington Park Assn., has issued the following statement:

"Arlington Park has always taken every precaution to guard against the sad accident that happened."

The fire demolished the stables assigned to the Maine Chance Farms, owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Arden Graham.

Fortunately, her Derby horses had already been shipped to Louisville.

Arlington Park is only a few miles from Barrington. As I watched my son scamper out to the school bus, I saw smoke on the horizon. Having seen a stable fire at Fort Leavenworth Kan., in the '20s and another in Kansas City in the '30s, I know hay and straw smoke when I see it. A second later, a radio news flash established the fact that it was the Maine Chance stable at Arlington. Twenty-three Thoroughbreds and 2 mascot ponies perished.

It was all over in less than half an hour. A total of twenty-three horses perished.

A victory at Louisville this year for Mrs. Graham, would certainly have tempered the grief.

The Illinois Racing Board completed its investigation on May 6, 1946.

The confession of Gilbert Jones, the watchman employed by the stable, and obtained by Lieut. Peter Madura and his staff of the Cook County Highway Police; tells a full and complete story of the gross negligence.

The watchman admits having turned on an electric heater in a small bedroom where the fire start-

ed, and then engaged in a drinking orgy that lasted for several hours, after which he went sound asleep and was finally awakened by the screaming and kicking of horses in their frantic effort to escape the fire that began to envelop the stable. Most of this evidence is corroborated by other witnesses.

The following horses were destroyed:

Admiral General, b. c., by *Blenheim II—War Risk, yearling price \$33,000, A. B. Hancock, Keeneland Sales.
Big Miracle, b. g., by Great Union—Little Miracle.
Blue Angel, blk. f., by Blue Larkspur—Housework.
Blue Fantasy, b. f., by Blue Larkspur—Risk, yearling price, \$46,000, A. B. Hancock, Keeneland Sales.
Chance Mascot, ch. f., by Chicuelo—Maid of Chance.
Gay Beau, ch. c., by Jacomar—Perfect Love.
Gay Emperor, ch. c., by *Sickle—Lull, yearling price, \$26,000, Coldstream Stud, Keeneland Sales.
Gracious Me, b. f., by *Bahram—Floradoda Girl, yearling price, \$5,500, A. G. Vanderbilt, Meadow Brook Sales.
Firegold, br. c., by Blue Larkspur—Faucille d'Or, yearling price, \$41,000, Stone Creek Stud, Keeneland Sales.
O'Clipper, ch. f., by *Heliopolis—Evening Tide, yearling price, \$30,000, Coldstream Stud, Keeneland Sales.
Pink Pompon, ch. f., by Sun Teddy—Alice Harris, yearling price, \$3,700, A. B. Hancock, Keeneland Sales.
Pink Rose, ch. f., by Chance Play—Jeanne Fetko.
Rosario, gr. f., by Chicuelo—Patrona, yearling price, \$4,000, Lucas B. Combs, Keeneland Sales.
Samson, ch. c., by Jacomar—Anna Horton, yearling price, \$11,000, Charles Nuckos and Sons, Keeneland Sales.
Slim Jim, b. c., by Easy Mon—Daffy, yearling price, \$6,300, Cave Spring Farm, Keeneland Sales.
Soft Answer, b. f., by Questionnaire—Benevolence, yearling price, \$14,000, Dr. Esle Asbury, Keeneland Sales.
Star of Night, b. c., by Bimelech—Blinking Owl, yearling price, \$42,000, Idle Hour Stock Farm, Keeneland Sales.
Sugar Lea, b. c., 3, by Bull Lea—Sugar Run.
Sunny Brael, b. f., by *Chalcedon II—Locust Moss, yearling price, \$9,600, R. L. Stivers Est., Keeneland Sales.
Super Lassie, ch. f., by *Heliopolis—Jeanne's Poise.
The Bat, blk. c., by Chicuelo—Daring Lady.
War Come, b. c., by *Hairan—War Swept, yearling price, \$4,500, Mereworth Farm, Keeneland Sales.
White Lace, ch. f., by *Heliopolis—Eponine, yearling price, \$3,100, Keeneland Stud, Keeneland Sales.

Morgan Horse Tests Being Conducted By Agriculture Department

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has developed some exceedingly interesting tests, in both harness and saddle purposes in the development of the Morgan horse. The 4 tests measure performance of horses under a variety of conditions. The 1st involves speed in walking and trotting, with consideration to length of stride at these gaits while the horse is in harness and pulling 60% of its weight.

A 2nd test is under saddle, covering similar observations of the animal, while carrying 20% of its weight. In both of these tests, the horse travels a mile at each gait.

The 3rd test of performance, is scored for fatigue and observed for recovery in respiration and heart rate after trotting 5 miles in harness. In the 4th test the horse is ridden about 11 1/2 miles across country. Here the animal travels specified distances at a walk, trot and canter and is scored for response to commands, performance of gaits, ease of gaits for the rider, and fatigue of the horse.

These tests have indicated considerable difference among individual horses and are being used as guides in the breeding of improved Morgan stock at the U. S. Morgan Horse Farm, near Middlebury, Vt.

E. B. Krantz is in charge of the U. S. Morgan Horse Farm, as superintendent, and D. S. Burch is in charge of the information division, with the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Breeders Notes

Revoked's Interests

Revoked, winner of the Washington Park Futurity and about \$70,000 last year, when he proved one of the best 2-year-olds for Dr. Esle Asbury, is now standing at stud. Hal Price Headley has a half interest in the son of Blue Larkspur—Gala Belle, by *Sir Gallahad III and he stands at his farm near Lexington, Ky. His portrait was recently painted by Jean Bowman, well known artist. He got his name due to the revoked bid made for him in 1944 when his breeder, Dr. Asbury, took him back and proved to the world he had consigned a sound horse to the Keeneland Sales by sending him to the races himself.

*Pot Au Feu

Information has just been received that *Pot Au Feu, listed in The Chronicle "National Stallion Roster" as wanting information, is standing at Dr. E. W. Berg's State Fair Grounds stable in St. Paul, Minn. Dr. Berg, D. V. S., purchased the 25-year-old son of Bruleur—Polly Peachum, by Spearmint in 1942. *Pot Au Feu was imported from France by the Coldstream Stud, Lexington, Ky. Dr. Berg also advised that King's Lea, son of Towton Field—Lady Faust by Tony Faust, last known to have been standing in Minnesota, died 2 or 3 years ago.

Mrs. Whitney and Mr. Hells

Mrs. M. E. Whitney has vanned 22 of her Llangollen Farm, Upperville, Va., mares to William Hells' "Hells Stock Farm", Jobstown, N. J., where they will remain for some 3 years, under a breeding agreement. Vans took them up from early part of April. One mare lost her foal; another foal lived but 2 days. The mares will be mated to such stallions as Attention, the Irish sire *Rounders and Valdina Orphan, and the two interests will split 50-50 on the produce as yearlings, with Mr. Hells footing the keep for 3 years, after which time the mares return to Llangollen. Mr. Hells currently has a string of some 80 in training and at the tracks. His trainers number Frank Kearns, who succeeded with Pericles and but recently severed connections with Woolford Farm; Willie Booth who is campaigning the Maryland string; and Ed Snyder who is down Louisville way with the other 1-3 of Hells' horses.

International Line-Up

John E. Cooper, handicapper of the steeplechasers, has mailed out the weights on the International Steeplechase Handicap, with \$7,500 added, to run today, Friday, May 10. Mercator with 155 up is the top weighted horse. He is owned by William H. Lipscomb, Kent Miller's Elkridge, in at 153, is the next top weight and shares this distinction with Rouge Dragon. Floating Isle is saddled at 152.

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Stake Summaries

Pimlico

22nd running Rennett 'Cap, Tues., April 30, 3/4 mi., 3-yr.-olds. Purse, \$5,000 added; net value to winner, \$4,050; 2nd: \$1,000; 3rd: \$500; 4th: \$250. Winner: B. f., by Hard Tack—Miss Ferdinand, by *Bull Dog. Trainer: J. A. Healey. Breeder: Christiana Stables. Time: 1:13 2-5.

1. Sea Snack, (Christiana Stables), 111, C. Quattlebaum.
2. Sunhelio, (P. J. Carey), 109.
3. Lovemenow, (Cedar Farm), 122, A. Snider. Five started; also ran (order of finish): Mrs. E. Hineman's Blue Dream, 110, H. Claggett; H. G. Bedwell's Prognosis, 114, A. Snellings. Won driving by 4; place same by 1; show same by neck. Scratched: Flying Weather, Dog O'Sullivan, Phone Me, Air Hero, Cedar Brand.

8th running Carrol 'Cap, Wed., May 1, 3/4 mi., 3 & up. Purse, \$5,000 added; net value to winner, \$4,000; 2nd: \$1,000; 3rd: \$500; 4th: \$250. Winner: B. f., (4), by Bull Lea—Two Bob, by The Porter. Trainer: H. A. Jones. Breeder: Calumet Farm. Time: 1:12 4-5.
1. Twosy, (Calumet Farm), 120, A. Snellings.
2. Cherry Pop, (Knollwood Stable), 110, F. A. Smith.

3. Gaga, (D. A. Headley), 115, K. Scawthorn. Five started; also ran (order of finish): N. Pettite's Tedious Miss, 114, E. Crowther; V. Cicero's Royal Flush, 117, S. Clark. Won ridden out by 3; place driving by 1; show same by 4. Scratched: Marcia P., Panacea, Night Strike.

6th running Ral Farr Stakes, Thurs., May 2, 4 1/2 f., 2-yr.-olds. Purse, \$5,000 added; net value to winner, \$4,400; 2nd: \$1,000; 3rd: \$500; 4th: \$250. Winner: Ch. g., by Tintagel—Zucca, by *Snob II. Trainer: J. P. Jones. Breeder: R. Guest. Time: 55 1-5.
1. Shaffie, (Rock Hill Farm), 122, S. Walters.
2. Good Example, (A. G. Vanderbilt), 114, J. Gilbert.

3. Bullow, (E. K. Bryson), 114, N. Jemas. Five started; also ran (order of finish): G. A. Garret's Butterscotch, 114, F. Vallee; Paradise Farm's Big Demand, 114, R. Root. Won galloping by 4; place driving by 2 1/2; show same by 6. Scratched: Yankee Dollar.

23rd running Pimlico Oaks, Sat., May 4, 1-16 mi., 3-yr.-olds. Purse, \$20,000 added; net value to winner, \$20,150; 2nd: \$3,000; 3rd: \$1,500; 4th: \$750. Winner: B. f., by *Easton—Miss Grier, by John P. Grier. Trainer: T. Rodrock. Breeder: Meadowbrook Farms, Inc. Time: 1:49 2-5.

1. Red Shoes, (H. E. Jackson), 121, C. Kirk.
2. Earshot, (W. Hells), 121, N. Jemas.
3. Dorothy Brown, (J. B. Theall), 121, E. Guerin.

Nine started; also ran (order of finish): Mrs. R. H. Heighe's Proverb, 121, M. Basile; E. Lasker's Athene, 121, A. Snider; W. Brann's Challadette, 121, J. Gilbert; Christiana Stable's Sea Snack, 121, K. Scawthorn; Mrs. S. S. Zell's Chanteuse, 121, S. De Lara; Bobanet Stable's Ariel Song, 121, S. Clark. Won driving by neck; place same by neck; show same by 2. Scratched: Best Dress, Dorada, Always, Marcia P.

9th running Gittings' 'Cap, Mon., May 6, 1-16 mi., 3 & up. Purse, \$7,500 added; net value to winner, \$6,380; 2nd: \$1,500; 3rd: two \$500 each. Winner: B. h. (5), by *Quatre Bras II—Trace O'Fun, by Trace Call. Trainer: C. W. Shaw, Jr. Breeder: Audley Farm. Time: 1:47 4-5.

George Case, (Cedar Farm), 111, A. Snider. Five started; also ran (order of finish): K. A. O'Connor's Statesman, 116, A. Snellings. Won driving by 1 1/4; place same by 4; show same by 3. Scratched: Alexis, Royal Flush.

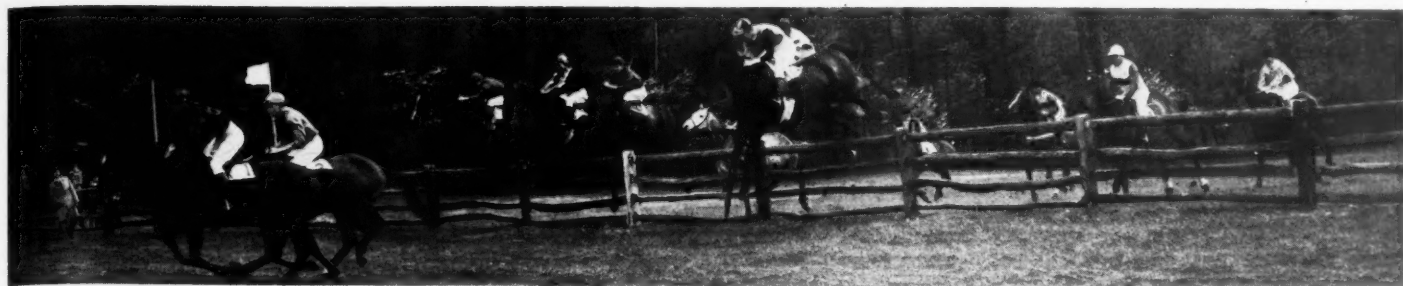
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Winton Wins 50th Annual Running Of Maryland Hunt Cup



The Riders Are Up, The Hill Side Is Filled.

(Morgan Photo)



First Fence: Houseman No. 1, Free State No. 3, left to right: Clifton's Duke, Field Glass, Sir Romeo, the grey Count Stefan, Hold Forth, Saw Buck, and in behind: Peterski, Vaunt, Winton, and Miltiades.

(Morgan Photo)



Sixth Fence: left to right: Peterski, Miltiades, Count Stefan, Winton and Houseman.

(Merchon Studio Photo)



Sixth Fence: As Houseman goes on, Miltiades leads Vaunt, Count Stefan and Winton landing over one of the 2 big 4' 10" fences.

(Merchon Studio Photo)

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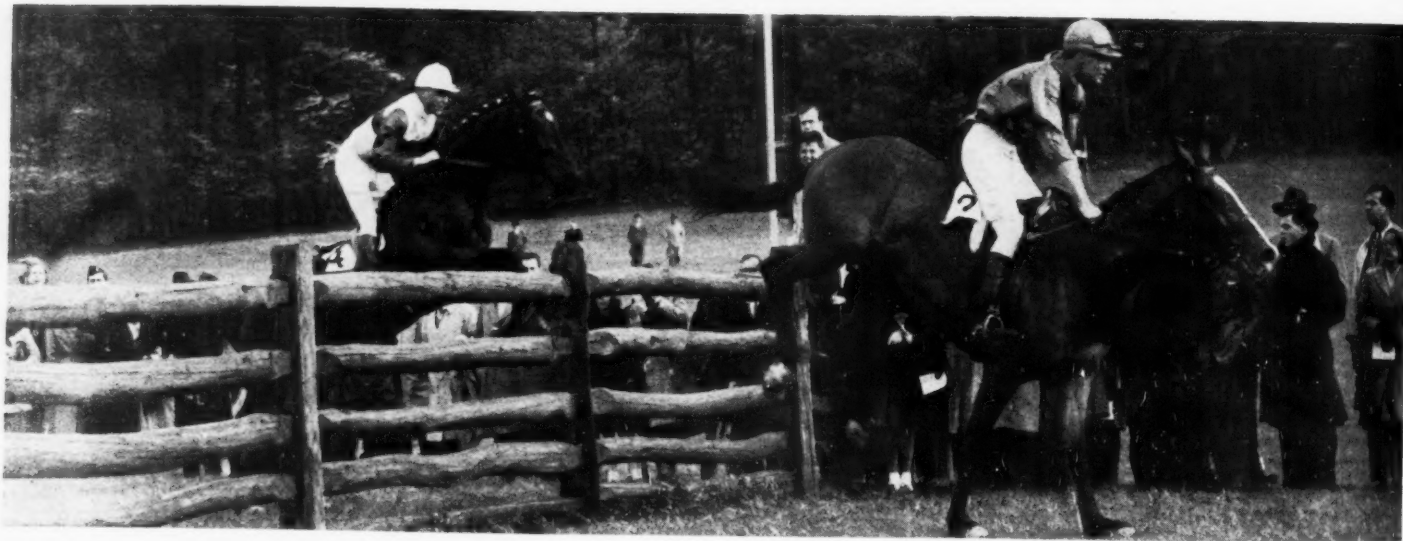
(Photos by Bert Morgan)



Miltiades takes out rail at 11th, abreast of Winton, with Vaunt and Count Stefan coming up. Free State has gone on.



Miltiades refuses 15th, as Free State, No. 5, and Winton No. 4, get out of tight spot. Vaunt coming up.



Free State with 17-year-old Michael Smithwick, up, leads Stuart S. Janney, Jr., veteran timber riding winner on Winton over 16th fence.



Although brought down over a fallen horse at 3rd fence, Sidney Watters, Jr., on Hold Forth, made up much ground and they were examples of perfect form over the 16th fence, taking over 4' 10" of jumping.

Houseman Wins Gold Cup

Michael Smithwick And C. M. Greer's Houseman Score Splashing Victory In 22nd Running Of Virginia Gold Cup As Sir Romeo Finishes 2nd

On a rain soaked course, on a cold and murky day, with fields impossibly deep for parking cars, the smallest crowd in many years to witness a Virginia Gold Cup was on hand to see the 22nd running last Saturday, May 4. For those making the effort to come out and stand in the rain on a drenched hill-side the day's card proved a good one and never was gentility, sportsmanship, and horsemanship among gentlemen riders better demonstrated.

Christopher M. Greer, Jr.'s Houseman won the coveted gold cup, a trophy which Catherine the Great had once put up for the "encouragement of sportsmen to breed good horses" some 150 years ago in Russia, now in its 3rd running for Virginia's great timber race. Michael Smithwick, last minute draftee rider, came down from Baltimore, Md., to don the well known black and vermillion diamond colors of the Middleburg sportsman and ride a brilliant race to splash to victory and account for Mr. Greer, Jr.'s 2nd leg win on the cup.

Houseman, which has twice been unlucky in the Maryland Hunt Cup, was in classic form for the Gold Cup. After his Middleburg Louie Leith Cup triumph on April 13, the personable and consistent Brooms gelding went on to the Maryland Hunt Cup where he got but a mile before his rider's war-time leathers let him down. No one has ever really proved just how good this horse is, but in splashing about the Gold Cup's 4 miles of soggy turf and solid 4' 0" timber fences, Houseman made play of his field, beating Mrs. Amory S. Carhart's Sir Romeo, 1942 winner, and Mrs. John M. Sturgeon III's Hold Forth, as he pleased. Some said it was 50 lengths, some said it was 70, others 100, and others that it well could have been a quarter of a mile.

At any rate, Mr. Smithwick, who had been commandeered as rider at the last minute when Jockey Bosley III went crashing at Pimlico on Friday afternoon, could have scouted his Houseman ride home by twice the verdict it seemed. Mr. Bosley III had been elected to replace Fred Colwill as rider of Houseman, following the Maryland.

When Mr. Greer, Jr. returned to his home on Friday evening with Col. Stewart Bate, of Toronto, Canada, after judging the Warrenton Country School Horse Show, he was met with word of Mr. Bosley III's misfortune and hospitalization. Hurred consultations followed. Jack Skinner, John Bosley, Jr., other trainers and well known horsemen were quick to offer assistance and advice on obtaining a rider. Maryland and Virginia hunt meeting enthusiasts were equally moved in their effort to help.

Little time was lost as Mr. Greer, Jr. decided upon Michael Smithwick, and called the young 17-year-old gentleman in Maryland to ask him to ride. Mr. Greer, Jr. assured Mrs. Smithwick that Houseman was a safe jumper. Mr. Smithwick called back in genuine youthful enthusiasm, "Mr. Greer, am I really going to ride Houseman?" He may be recalled as rider of the ill-fated Free State in the Maryland Hunt Cup the previous

week, when he was shut off by Field Glass at the 3rd fence and made up all the lost ground only to fall when on top but 2 fences from home. His great ride and stirring effort was acclaimed by all.

Saturday morning, with rain still falling steadily, making the countryside a morass, Sidney Watters, Jr., rider for Mrs. Sturgeon's Hold Forth drove down from his family's Monkton, Md. home with Mr. Smithwick. Mr. Watters, Jr. is a veteran gentleman stylist of the hunt meetings. At Mr. and Mrs. Greer, Jr.'s "Boxwood" home near Middleburg, colors were tried on, and the day being scarcely inviting for a 2 mile walk over the course, Houseman's owner asked Mr. Smithwick to walk the course with Mr. Watters, Jr. "He'll give you some good pointers," said Mr. Greer, "and remember Hold Forth is blind in his right eye."

The two gentlemen departed for the course, as Mr. Smithwick sallied: "I'll watch him Mr. Greer, he'll probably be going by me on that good eye." And so it came to post-time, and young Smithwick was standing on the porch of the jockeys' weighing room urging Mr. Greer to talk more of Houseman. "The more you tell me about him, the better I'll know him," said Mr. Smithwick, who had never before ridden a favorite in a race.

Paddock Judge Robert B. Young got them out to the course promptly. Starters Dion K. Kerr, Sr. and Jr., sent them away, as T. Beatty Brown, riding Watch Well, leased from Horace Moffett, immediately went to the top with the Piedmont Rokeby Bowl winner. There were six starters, and each had a panel to the 1st fence, as Mrs. Carhart's Sir Romeo, Houseman, George Toomey's Mr. Smith II, sailed on and over in order. Mrs. Richard P. Kirkpatrick, Jr.'s On The Rocks, with Mr. Kirkpatrick riding, had no interest in the race. The 5-year-old grey mare, by Grand Time, had wanted no part of any of the fences when asked to school the previous Thursday, when she wouldn't jump a fence, and this day, even with colors and the crowd, and horses running on, the young mare was still sour.

Going on to the 2nd, Watch Well continued his lead, the rest of the order was the same, with Mr. Smith II hooking and W. E. Carroll rolling on the turf with his mount. The field was quickly reduced to Watch Well, Hold Forth, Sir Romeo and Houseman, although Mr. Carroll was sporting and persistent, remounting to ride the course gamely.

Over the 1st turn of the field, when 2 miles and 10 fences had been negotiated, the running saw Watch Well with a lead varying from 10 to 25 lengths. The 7-year-old Canadian-bred son of Royal Watch—Princess Wells jumped some of the fences well, then hit others and twisted over more. Mr. Brown, as usual was sitting deep and strongly, although having reduced considerably to make the weight. Past the hill-side of drenched spectators, Watch Well was running by 10, with Hold Forth 2nd by 4, Sir Romeo and Houseman 3rd by 40, as Mr. Smith II came along. That was the way they were as they

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Inexperienced Riders On Maiden 'Chasers Features Pimlico Meet

At the completion of the first week of the 1946 big-track steeplechasing season there has been little left to doubt but that F. D. "Dooley" Adams is the hottest rider out. He started off with a bang with his winning ride on Brookmeade Stable's Fleet-town to take down the opener, Pimlico Maiden 'Chase, and then turned in 2 more winning performances scoring on Brookmeade's Greek Flag and his mother's, Mrs. C. E. Adams, Little Sammie.

Fifty horses started in 6 races, in which 14 horses have lost riders, fallen or been pulled up. Besides having ridden 3 winners, Jockey Adams has been once 2nd and once 3rd.

On Tuesday, April 30, M. A. Cushman's Rouge Dragon, after assuming command in the early stages, went along easily to win convincingly from Glen Riddle's Soldier Song. The latter, raced wide much of the way, but was easily the next best in the field of 10 starters, as Mrs. Stephen C. Clark, Jr.'s Bill Coffman last his rider, T. Field, within 2 lengths of the leader at the last jump. The time was the fastest of the meeting to date: 3:51 3-5, against Bladen's record made in 1945 of 3:47 2-5. However the Bladen record was made later in May, after the jumps had been loosened up and made easier through usage.

Wednesday, May 1, saw Mrs. Adams succeed with her training charge, Little Sammie. Her son Jockey Adams got the son of Sammie out of a Sun Charmer mare to the line by 1 1-2 lengths after hav-

ing been boxed in for a spell about the 12th fence. He held off I. Bieber's Naylor, which had a neck advantage over Strolling On.

Danny Shea, Jr. got a smasher on Mrs. Dorothy P. Barrett's Strawridge at the 10th fence and P. D. Reid came down hard at the 4th fence on his wife's Orgullosa.

Trainer Arthur White had his 2nd success of the Pimlico meeting as he saddled Greek Flag, and put up Jockey Adams on May 2, to beat off Mrs. E. du Pont Weir's Deanslaw.

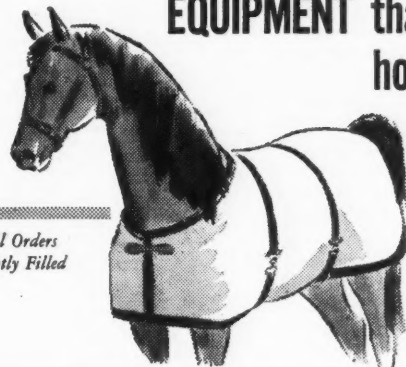
Rigan McKinney's Military Man shouldered 150 lbs. and Jockey Russell on Friday, May 3, to beat Rokeby Stables' American Way. Both horses had wintered in Middleburg and had their pipes opened in the Middleburg Hunt Meeting, when the former won a tight race on the flat. The other half of Mr. McKinney's entry, Mrs. Corliss Sullivan's Tarrackin came to grief at the 12th.

John Bosley III, when moving Robertson H. Fenwick's Northern Light to winning contention over the last fence, (the Form said he was on top), came down crashing and suffered a fractured collar-bone, necessitating an operation and wiring. This was unfortunate for Mr. Bosley III had just returned from the Service and gained his amateur certificate for 'chasing riding this past April 20. Clynmalyra Stud's Quonset with J. Meyers up also went down at the last fence, when near top of contention.

Mr. Bosley, III's father, John Bosley, Jr., shifted to Jockey E. A. Russell on Monday, May 6, when his son was hospitalized and had his 'Rougemont come home driving to win the 1st money and beat off A. J. Paciello's Mamie's Lad, with Jockey Adams

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Virginia Gold Cup

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started out in the country again. The way Watch Well was hitting his fences few thought that he could stay out there on the front end.

Mr. Smithwick had an arm full of horses and was winging on Houseman to keep him back. As they all landed over the 14th and turned for the up-hill run around to the 15th, which is out of view from the crowd, Sir Romeo and Hold Forth were reported "Coming back head and head," by their riders. At this juncture the true sporting nature of this race and timber riding was never more apparent.

Mr. Watters, Jr. is a horseman as well as a rider. He realized that Hold Forth was through. He had observed out of the corner of an eye that Mr. Smithwick had a world of horse left and was still holding him off the pace as he had been directed. In an absolute genuine moment of spontaneity, Mr. Watters, Jr. shouted: "Now is the time Mickey, go up and catch him!"

Mr. Smithwick let out but a notch, clucked once, and as they came into view again at the 16th fence, Watch Well's long lead had been whittled to 3 lengths, and then Mr. Brown and the Canadian-bred rolled on the grass. Watch Well hooked his fence and turned over, just as Houseman was coming up to collar him.

From there on the race was over. Watch Well had set a tiring pace, for the turf was soaked with the incessant 24 hour rain, and when he went down Mr. Smithwick had merely to guide Houseman around the course over the remaining 4 fences. Houseman was running and it was hard not to think of this rider and Free State on the previous Saturday, when they were in the same spot and lost the winning chance as they fell over the 19th fence. Mr. Smithwick later related to Mr. Greer, "I wanted to let Houseman run on, he could have run much faster, but then I thought of last week."

And so they met the last fence nicely, were over and galloping. Houseman won as he pleased. Sir Romeo had 1 1/2 lengths, after a nice ride by Frank H. Powers, over Hold Forth, which distanced Mr. Smith II.

This gave Mr. Greer his 2nd leg on the trophy. John Bosley III and Goldun had won the 1st leg in 1941.

The opening event witnessed Raymond McClanahan's China Toy take the Landowners' purse, with Morris Mayberry up. Miss Virginia E. Hughes' Hapneigh was 2nd and had

the race won until cutting a turning flag.

The Fauquier Plate, of 1 1/2 miles over hurdles brought out 4 runners. Mrs. James E. Ryan's Donomore, 4-year-old home-bred won by 6 lengths, under a waiting ride by Jockey J. Magee. British Knight ran 2nd, carrying the colors of David P. Cammack. Mrs. R. P. Kirkpatrick's Fixture Card, rated well off the pace by R. P. Kirkpatrick, closed ground at the end, to get the show end of this \$1,000 purse.

The Foxhunters' Steeplechase, of 4 miles, for hunting-hunters with 175 lb. riders in hunting kit and carrying a hunt panelling fund benefit purse of \$300 brought out but 2 starters. This was unfortunate and the committee of the Gold Cup meeting is to be congratulated in carding the event, a race which is bound to fill in other years. As it turned out, two good jumping hunters put on a cracking exhibition of good pace across country and then the riders dropped them down and let them run over the last 2 fences.

Mansfield Hughes rode his father's Good Hunter (that's his name) to beat U. S. Randle's Inky II with H. Gentry riding. Good Hunter, a home bred, Thoroughbred son of *Golden Guinea, got the verdict by 5 lengths. His rider rode half way in the rain with glasses and then when they had smoked up he took them off. Perhaps it is better that way as a big fence looms up late and you can't anticipate it from a distance.

Summaries

Landowners' Race, abt. 1 mi. on turf, for horses the absolute property of bona-fide farmers in Warrenton Hunt country, or such country as Warrenton Hounds hunt over; to be ridden by farmers or farmers' sons who have never ridden in a race other than one restricted to farmers' horses. Catch weights. Purse \$300. Value to winner: \$150; 2nd: \$75; 3rd: \$40; 4th: \$20; 5th: \$10; 6th: \$5. Winner: Ch. f., 6, by Judge Hay—*China Bazaar, by China Cock. Breeder: A. D. Scott. Trainer: Owner: Time: 2:42.

1. China Toy, (Raymond McClanahan), Morris Mayberry.
2. Hapneigh, (Miss Virginia Elizabeth Hughes), Edward Pearson.
3. Landett (Ernest Payne), Ernest Payne.
Five started; also ran (order of finish): Arthur Arundel's Art Novar, Arthur Arundel; Newman Bennett's Red Fox, L. H. Bennett. No calls taken. Scratched: Walter C. Latham's Brutch.

The Fauquier Plate, 3-yr.-olds & up, abt. 1 1/2 mi. hurdles. Purse, \$1,000. Value to winner: \$650 and plate. Winner: Br. f., 4, by Crack Brigade—*Mordrin, by Drinmore. Breeder: J. E. Ryan. Trainer: J. E. Ryan. Time: 3:30 1-5.

1. Donomore, (Mrs. James E. Ryan), 137, J. Magee.
2. British Knight, (David P. Cammack), 142, Mr. M. Ackman.
3. Fixture Card, (Mrs. R. P. Kirkpatrick), 158, Mr. R. P. Kirkpatrick.

Four started; also ran: John C. Montana's Redbush, 142, T. Field. Won ridden out by 6 lengths; place driving by 4; show same by 8. Scratched: Emmett Roberts' Rubicon, 152; Mrs. D. N. Lee's Pharant, 137.

22nd Running Virginia Gold Cup, 4-yr.-olds & up, abt. 4 miles, timber. Plate to winner. Amateur riders. Winner: Ch. g., 10, by Brooms—Don't Ask Me, by Ladkin. Breeder: Mrs. Isobel Dodge Sloane's Brookmeade Stable. Trainer: Owner: Time: 9:34 1-5.

1. Houseman, (Christopher M. Greer, Jr.), 165, Mr. Michael Smithwick.
2. Sir Romeo, (Mrs. Amory S. Carhart), 165, Mr. Frank H. Powers.
3. Hold Forth, (Mrs. John M. Sturgeon III),

165, Mr. Sidney Watters, Jr.
Six started; also ran (order of finish): George Toomey's Mr. Smith II, 153, fell 2nd fence, remounted. Mr. W. E. Carroll: Fell: 16th fence. T. Beatty Brown's Watch Well, 165, Mr. T. Beatty Brown. Refused: 1st fence. Mrs. Richard P. Kirkpatrick, Jr.'s On The Rocks, 156, Mr. Richard P. Kirkpatrick. Won galloping, by 70 lengths; place ridden out by 1 1/2 lengths; show same by distance. Scratched: F. M. Warburg's Noble Count; Edward Q. McVitty's Peterski.

The Fox Hunters' Steeplechase, for 3-yr.-olds & up, 4 miles, timber, for horses bona-fide hunters which have never won a steeplechase other than a point-to-point; owned by members of, and regularly hunted with, a Recognized Hunt. Panelling Fund Purse of \$300, of which \$200 to panelling fund of Hunt from which winner is entered; \$75 to 2nd Hunt; \$25 to 3rd Hunt. Weight 175 lbs. Plate to winner. Winner: Ch. s., 14, by *Golden Guinea—Rose, by My Play. Breeder: John E. Hughes. Trainer: Mansfield Hughes. Time: 10:53 1-5.

1. Good Hunter, (John E. Hughes, Piedmont Hunt), 175, Mr. Mansfield Hughes.
2. Inky II, (U. S. Randle, Warrenton Hunt), 175, Mr. H. Gentry.

Only 2 starters. Won by 5 lengths. Scratched: Samuel R. Fry's (Radnor Hunt) Catalina's Lad; Mrs. R. P. Kirkpatrick's (Middleburg Hunt) On The Rocks; Thomas Stokes' (Radnor Hunt) Never Worry; F. M. Warburg's (Middleburg Hunt) Noble Count.

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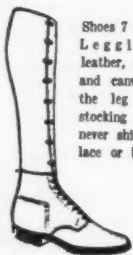
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Editorials

KEEPING STEP WITH THE SOUTHWEST

Young, aggressive, restless, the Southwest today represents in America what is in reality our last frontier. The western ranchers, oil men, promoters moving constantly in and out of the cities of Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, Oklahoma City and as far south as New Orleans, typify the same spirit of individual leadership, initiative and drive which developed this country from its wilderness heritage.

The victory of Assault in the Derby, the King Ranch's son of Bold Venture out of an Equipoise mare is but one example, if example is needed, that this great southwestern section of America is on the march and will be heard from in increasing proportions in every phase of American activity and none more strongly than in the field of the horse. Among the states in America that were comparatively untouched by the depression in the thirties were Texas and Oklahoma. Where the east was literally groaning under breadlines, unemployment and broken fortunes, the westerners led by the big independent oil producers and ranchers such as Frank Buttram, H. L. Hunt, John Mabee, Joe Bridwell, have been building up empires that are comparable only to the big railroad developments financed and put through by eastern families in the 70's.

To an easterner, coming suddenly into the Great Southwest from the comparative quiet and set existence of the Atlantic seaboard, the amount going on is startling in its size, scope and energy. To put it rather crudely, the east appears dead on its feet by comparison to the imagination, humor and daring being shown in the development of the great natural riches of the Southwest.

An observer in Oklahoma City for instance, sees a city not yet 50 years old, spotlessly clean, broad streets, tall office buildings from whose spacious offices those who are deciding the destinies of cattle and oil production look out across the plains to thousands upon thousands of acres of oil fields, marked by the steel derricks of the wells. It is an inspiring sight and gives to the visitor a feeling of confidence in the future and in the strength of this country that is not found among the dark canyons of Wall Street where the great financial wizards of another age controlled the destinies of America.

It will probably be some years before the big, lush prairies of Oklahoma will have Thoroughbred horses in great abundance grazing the limestone soil, but it will come. Just as Ranchman Raymond Pope, financed by Oilman Frank Buttram, has been developing since 1939 an entirely new breed of cattle—Brangus—by crossing the Brahma bulls on purebred Angus, so too, will these southwestern ranchers take up the Thoroughbred. There is an enthusiasm in the pioneer spirit which moves up and down and over these ranges which will bring many other such results as were seen at Churchill Downs

last Saturday. The west is not to be judged by Park Avenue standards for there is no such standard here, but by the Oklahoma rancher spending \$35,000 on a vacation to Honolulu, who told the manager of one of California's swank hotels, "Boy, git me two tickets on the boat to Honolulu and git 'em up in front so I can see where we a' goin'." And they are going places too in the Southwest, in a manner and at a pace which easterners will have to move fast to maintain.

Letters to the Editor

Justice To Owners

Dear Sir:

In your April 19 issue of "The Chronicle", you have an article on page 21 about the Hunter and Jumper Show held March 30 and 31 at the Flintridge Hunter Trial Field in California. In 5 cases a horse that placed in the judging was substituted by another horse, and in justice to the owners of these horses, I wish to inform you of these errors.

Children Jumpers In 1st place, Herkimer, Col. A. Sysin should replace Roger Wilco, C. Wilson.

Novice Hunters In 3rd place, Iron Saxon, Barbara Worth Stables should replace Scrap Iron, Barbara Zimmerman.

Handy Jumpers In 3rd place, The Black Falcon, Jo Ann Repose should replace Lightening, unknown.

Model Hunters In 2nd place, Kil-arney Bold, Percy Dunn should replace Blue Print, unknown.

Working Hunters In 4th place, Royal Salud, C. Wilson should replace Bonameo, Ellen Crabtree.

With this letter I am sending an official program that gives the names of the owners of all horses shown.

Sincerely yours,

Alex Sysin

Altadena, Calif.

Jeeps And Trailers

Dear Sirs:

In the April 26 issue I noticed a letter signed by P. C. King, Jr., asking about pulling a horse trailer with a jeep.

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German Discipline

Dear Sir:

In an interesting article on racing and riding in Japan the writer noted how Japanese Army officers seemed to have been continually schooling their mounts. As a result when our men rode them the horses fell.

I believe that this is an indication that the Japanese were taught by the Germans to keep a horse so collected that he would fall if given his head. At least this was the practice in the past, though the Germans have changed their technique in later years.

I took riding lessons under a cavalry sergeant in Wiesbaden in 1926 and was taught that if you collect your horse and keep your back arched it is physically impossible for him to resist you. As a result of riding this way a horse becomes dependent upon the support of riders' hands and legs.

This is rather characteristic of German methods of discipline—human as well as equine.

Very sincerely yours,

Dorothy Montgomery,

(Mrs. Sidney Montgomery)

West Chester, Pa.

Received Questionnaire

Dear Sir:

I received your recent letter and questionnaire a few days ago but I didn't fill out the questionnaire simply because I own no land, tractors, automobiles, and have no employees, etc.

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A Day's Racing In England

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The climate in the month of March in Dorsetshire is not unlike that of New England—it is very uncertain. In some years, the weather has been, for the most part, almost as mild as May at home. In others, the North-east winds that sweep the Downs have been bitter enough to chill anyone who ventures out hunting; and this year, even the hardest of us have shivered as we sat waiting at the covert side while hounds drew, in spite of the fact that the thermometer rarely dropped below freezing and the going was perfectly good. Scenting conditions have suffered too, and sport has been below the average.

The old saying has it that "March comes in like a lion, but goes out like a lamb," and I have been waiting for the lamb-like weather; for, after all, this is the beginning of the third week in the month, and it is time the "lion" retired to his den, and the "lamb" appeared. A few days ago, I said to my wife:—"They're racing at Wincanton on Wednesday. We haven't seen any racing for six years—not since the War began. Wincanton isn't so very far from here; do you think you would like to go? I suppose we could get petrol enough to get over in the car; it's only about thirty miles."

My wife, who has spent most of her time during the War years playing to the Forces, under the most trying conditions; often near the Front Line under fire; at the head of her little company of actors; and has come home to find little relaxation and rest in a War-weary countryside—very different from the care-free England she knew so well—brightened up. "Flat races or jumping races?" she asked. "Jumping races," I answered—"six of 'em; all jumping races—I don't know what class of horse we shall see, or what these little meetings are like—probably more or less the sort of meeting we saw at Plumpton, when we went with Charlie Cherry, in 1926; do you remember?"

"Yes," she said, "I do well. I wish dear old Charlie were here now, to go with us. Well—it really doesn't make much difference what class of horses we see. I'd love to go racing again; just to get away from all this drudgery. What about your hunting? Don't hounds meet on the 20th?"

"Yes," I said, "they do; but they're up at Plush. That's not my end of the country. Horace will take that. I'm going to take a day off." I might say that Horace Debenham is that gallant old sportsman who, in spite of the fact that he passed the allotted span of three-score-years-and-ten a long time ago, has carried on the South Dorset Hunt with me, and kept it alive during the War years.

"Right," said my better-half. We'll go then. Wouldn't you like to come?" she said, turning to my old friend, Chamberlain, who was listening to the conversation. "It'll do you good; give you a change—as well as us."

"Yes," he said, "I would. I don't know how long it is since I've seen any racing. I'd love to come."

And so, it was settled, and when we woke on Wednesday morning and saw the sun shining and the thermometer registering almost 50 degrees, instead of the usual 34 or 35, we were very happy. Wincanton is a little town which lies near the bor-

der-line between Somersetshire and Wiltshire—in the country hunted over by the Blackmore Vale Hounds—beautiful, open, rolling country. I've never hunted there, but I'm told by people who have, that, before the wire crept in—it has crept in everywhere during the War—it was the cream of the country, all grass, with great stretches of virgin turf. Certainly that part through which we passed that morning justified the description. We got away from Stinsford about half-past eleven, and motored up the Piddle Valley, through the South Dorset country, past Glanvilles Wootton, and so, ever heading North, through Sherborne, with its beautiful Abbey, and out of the town past Charlton Hawthorne—where the Blackmore Vale Hounds are kennelled—over the hills until we finally came to Wincanton. I had been there once, years ago, when I spent the afternoon with one of "Squire" Farquharson's great-grandsons, who lives in the town and keeps up the family tradition by turning out with the Blackmore Vale Hounds whenever they meet within reach; but I didn't know where the race-course lay, and we followed a steady stream of cars until, presently, we came within sight of the stands, looming up on the plateau, about a mile outside the town. There was no mistaking them, though they were unpretentious and simple—not like Newbury or Sandown Park or the large tracks near London.

Except for the visit to Plumpton, mentioned earlier in this article, and a day I spent with Sir Edward Currie on the Cardiff course many years ago, I had never attended one of these small meetings—and since, if one may judge by this one, they are unlike anything that we have at home, I shall try to describe it. Somehow, I think that perhaps it has no exact counterpart in America—though I have an idea that the meetings which were held in New York and New Jersey—and, I suppose, in Pennsylvania and Maryland fifty or sixty years ago, before the big tracks were founded—were more or less on that order. When one remembers the great throngs which attend the races at Belmont Park and Aqueduct and Saratoga; as well as the big Canadian tracks, like Blue Bonnets, near Montreal, and Woodbine, outside Toronto, one forgets, somehow, that racing—steeplechasing in particular—was once enjoyed in a simpler, more intimate way. More as it is now, at the point-to-point meetings held under the jurisdiction of the hunts committee at home. I have never had time, because of my hunting activities, to get to these smaller English meetings—like Wincanton—and Taunton, and Wye—to name a few. But, if the sport we saw yesterday is typical of what one is offered, all I can say is that I'm not going to miss many more.

Imagine a race meeting held far away from any big city, over a course laid out on farm land, in a hunting country, with ancient stone farm-buildings lying in the infield, instead of the beautifully-laid-out, artificial grounds one sees at Belmont Park or Saratoga or Woodbine. There are no stables of any consequence at these race courses, as there are at the big American tracks; for the very good reason that these meetings, instead of lasting for two or

three weeks, last two or three days; and horses are not stabled at any tracks, large or small,—as they are at the great tracks in America, for weeks—aye—for months on end. One must remember that racing in England—flat races as well as races under National Hunt rules—are all run over turf tracks, and of course one can easily understand that two or three days' racing may cut up the going very badly—so badly that protracted meetings would be an impossibility. After all, the total area of England is tiny, and the distances between the race-courses very short, as compared with the long train journeys one gets in America, such as the jump from Long Island to Saratoga, and of course, at certain times of the year, to Florida—to say nothing of the West.

This meeting yesterday reminded me more of the Rose Tree meeting than anything I can remember in America. It had an intimate atmosphere which our big meetings never attain. The English are a sport-loving nation, and the people one meets at the races seem to come from every walk of life, and to be more diversified than one finds at most American race meetings—unless it be at that classic point-to-point, The Maryland Hunt Cup. We met, at Wincanton yesterday, people whom we hadn't seen since the War started—more than six years ago; men and women who had hunted with me in the Cattistock country. One of them came up to me in the Paddock. "You don't know who I am," she said. I looked at her and my memory flashed back ten years to a day when the Cattistock Hounds had met at North Perrott, and a farmer had said to me; "Master, draw the little covert which lies between Pendomer Rectory and my farm. I think you'll find there. My wife has been losing a lot of poultry lately." I remembered too that we had found; I remembered the hunt which had followed; and the boy who had ridden so gallantly beside his father, to whom I had given the brush. It all came back to me as if it had happened yesterday. "Yes, Mrs. Jones," I said, "I remember you well—and I remember that day when your duck was sacrificed to make a hunt for the Cattistock." (It may be that readers of The Chronicle will remember the story of "Mrs. Jones' Duck"). "How is your boy?" Just then Mr. Jones came up and, as we three stood there talking about the old days in the hunting field before the War, two charming ladies from the Cattistock country joined us, and with them, a young girl, the daughter of one of them. It took me a bit longer to remember her—and no wonder, for I remembered her as an auburn-haired youngster who went very well on her pony, and this young lady told me that she was married and that her husband was in Germany, where she was going out to join him in a few weeks. She was a Miss Weatherby, and her father, the head of the great racing firm of Weatherby and Sons, was one of the first men I met when I hunted with the Grafton—more than thirty years ago. I saw the Chief Constable of Dorset there, with his wife, and several Masters and ex-Masters of Hounds, and countless soldiers—some of them still in uniform—many of them demobilised, and many—alas—on crutches; but all looking cheerful and happy and keen to see the sport. I don't know how many people were there; but it seemed to me that everyone I knew, and of

Pollard's Coaching Scenes Capture Traveler's Fancy

The painting on the frontispiece of the West County Mails was exhibited in the Royal Academy in 1821, one of the 4 paintings by the celebrated artist of coaching scenes ever had exhibited in the Academy. He appears to have had an antipathy to exhibitions and shied almost wholly clear of them. The painting, purchased from E. J. Rousuck of New York, is Pollard at his very best. The animation, movement and color is superb and as an example of life in an earlier day, showing the mode of transportation, dress, manners and way of doing things, the painting is unrivalled.

It is owned by Mr. Gerrard Winston of New York. The work in which Pollard seemed to excel was in the use of his other techniques in printing to touch up a picture, do away with the paint daubs and make a clean, smooth appearance, much as the surface of one of the inimitable coaches he did so well.

courses, many hundreds more, had taken a day off.

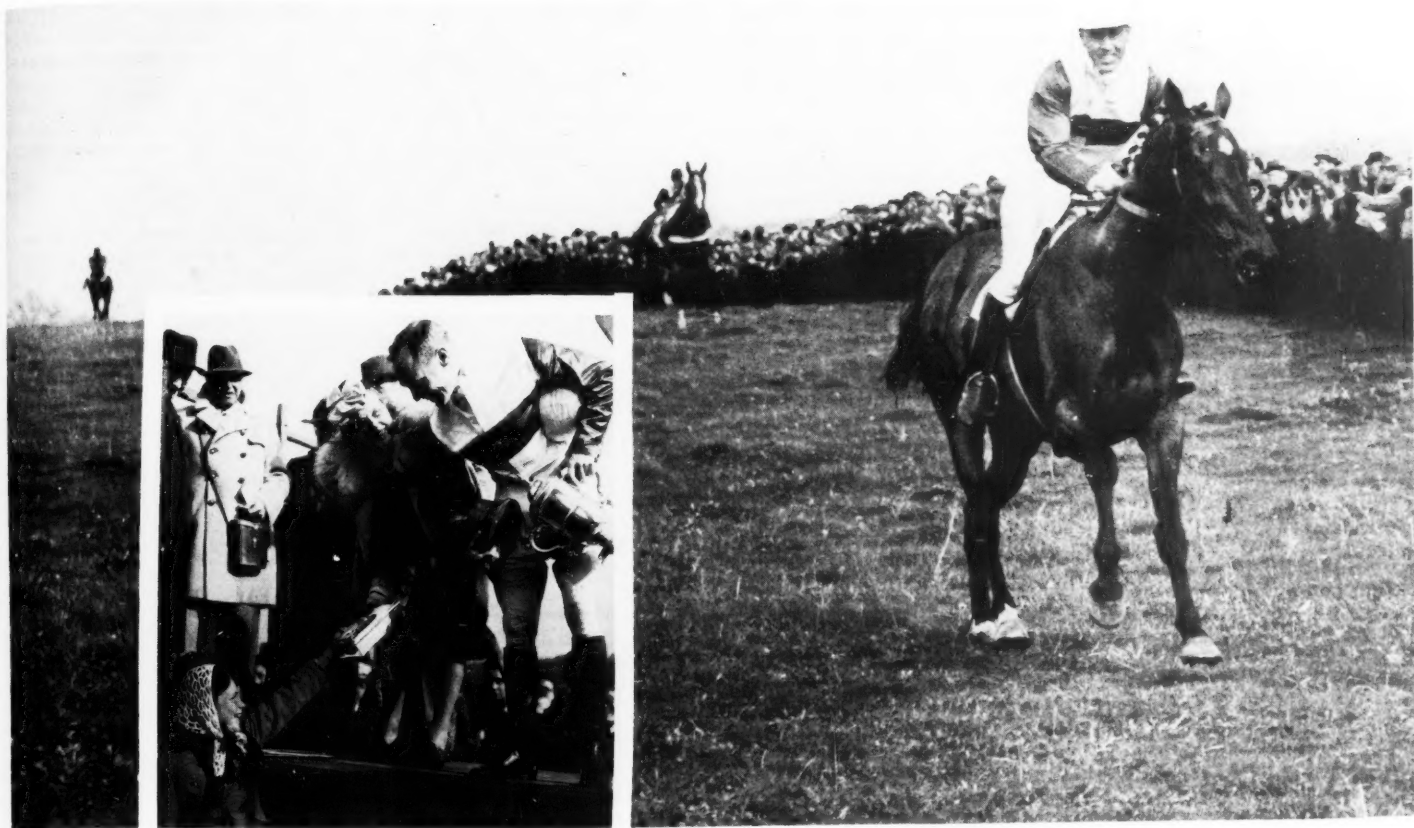
There were six races on the card—three steeplechases and three hurdle-races,—and they were, all of them, well filled and well contested. The course was, as I have already stated, laid out on a flat bit of farm land above the town, and from the stands one could see pretty much the whole course. In fact, the contestants were in view all the time—save when they went behind a barn on the far side of the course.

The first race—a two mile hurdle race—had twelve starters; and as the horses were going to the post, my wife slipped away from me for a minute into one of the "Tote" booths. "What did you back?" I said, as she came out. "I'll never tell," she answered, laughing. "If I did, I wouldn't have a chance in the world." Just as we reached the stand—there were no reserved seats, and everyone stood up on the bleachers—the horses came thundering past, and started out over the country. With our glasses we could easily follow them, and as they turned into the stretch, a brown horse got his nose in front and won by half a length. "First blood for me," said Mrs. Higginson. "That's the first bet I've made for many a long day. Come along to that bar under the stand, and let's see if we can't get a drink to celebrate. The bar was crowded. "What do you want?" I asked. "Oh, I think a champagne cocktail," she said. So, up I stepped and, accosting the fair-haired barmaid, I asked for two champagne cocktails. She gave me a withering look. "What did you say?" she asked incredulously. I changed my tune. "Have you got any champagne cocktails?" I said. "Not likely," she answered. Crestfallen, I rejoined my wife, and told her the sad news—over which we both laughed. "I'm afraid this isn't the champagne bar at Aintree," I said. "Never mind," she answered. "Let's go and see the horses for the next race. There should be some good ones in the Paddock. There are five potential starters for the Grand National entered. This is the most important race of the day." And so, we strolled out to the Paddock and watched them being led about.

There were ten starters in this—the Somerton Handicap Steeplechase
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Winton Wins 50th Annual Running Of Maryland Hunt Cup

(Photos by Bert Morgan)



The finish: Winton, barely galloping, wins by 12 lengths from Count Stefan, not pictured, as Vaunt, stable-mate of winner, blocks out 3rd horse, Peterski, and Miltiades on horizon. Inset: Mrs. Redmond C. Stewart has presented trophies, and Mr. Janney, Jr. smiles with delight as she hands over rider's trophy to his daughter. S. Bryce Wing, steward, looks on.



Maryland's Grand Slam Timber Horse: Winton, Stuart S. Janney, Jr., up. The son of Belli Casus—Rosequartz, by Trap Rock is the only horse ever to win the My Lady's Manor, the Grand National Point-to-Point and the Maryland Hunt Cup for two successive years.

The Tack Room Bench



Prospectus For An American Stud Book-1825

A NEWLY DISCOVERED CHAPTER OF HISTORY

By "Hark Farrant"

We are happy, this week, to welcome as a contributor Mr. A. Mackay-Smith, who writes on a subject which is more appropriate to this column than to his own "Grass Roots". Certainly his "find" is of great importance to turf historians and of much general interest as well.

In these controversial times when the Jersey Act and the English claim of "breed purity" are being debated in the racing and breeding papers, we quite naturally turn to look at our own pedigrees and the records on which they are based. These records, of course, go back, like our foundation stock, to England. In 1791 James Weatherby published in London his "Introduction to a General Stud Book", but it was not until 1808, after two revisions in 1793 and 1800, that it appeared in final form.

The publication of the English book turned the attention of American breeders to the necessity for a similar collection of pedigrees on this side of the Atlantic. Seven years later there appeared in the Washington, D. C. "National Intelligencer" for October 9th, 1815 a proposal by Mr. John Bioren, bookseller of Philadelphia, for printing an "American Racing Calendar and Stud Book" and soliciting information from breeders and racing men. Fairfax Harrison in his definitive work "The Background of the American Stud Book" cites this advertisement and adds that any material collected by Mr. Bioren ended, as did the project itself, with a fire which destroyed his bookshop and its entire contents. In 1822 a similar project was proposed, but never realized, by Cadwallader R. Colden of New York.

In November 1824, at the instigation of Capt. J. J. Harrison of "Diamond Grove" in Brunswick County, Theophilus Feild, the newly elected President of the Richmond Jockey Club, agreed to undertake the responsibility of compiling and editing a Stud Book. Feild was also from Brunswick County and had already won public esteem in the Virginia Assembly and in a movement to federate the state agricultural societies.

Until his untimely death in August 1826, Feild went about his task with great energy. A. Bledsoe Shelby of

Sumner County, Tennessee wrote to John Stuart Skinner, then editor of the American Farmer and afterwards of the American Turf Register, about Feild's work as follows (American Farmer Vol. IX, p. 190, 1827): "Mr. Feild of Brunswick, Virginia, had, previous to his death, been assiduously employed for a number of years, in collecting materials for such a publication. It is much to be lamented that this truly worthy gentleman did not live to complete his valuable work. He was a gentleman of first rate education, and it was acknowledged by all persons living: he was an amateur and a sportsman; he was passionately fond of the amusement and looked upon it as an amusement which every gentleman ought to be fond of to a limited extent.—I am in hopes that his labors will not be lost to the public".

Mr. Shelby's hopes were gratified for Feild's manuscripts were preserved by Capt. Harrison who turned them over to Patrick Nisbet Edgar. The latter incorporated them in his "The American Race-Turf Register, Sportsman's Herald, and General Stud Book" which he published in New York in 1833.

Feild is thus the first man in America to undertake the compilation and publication of a Stud Book whose labors have at least in part been preserved. The evidence as to the plan of his work and the form in which he proposed to arrange his material is extremely meager, however. Fairfax Harrison, who collected everything available on the matter, cites only another reference in the American Turf Register (Vol. V, p. 601) and a manuscript letter, written in December 1824 by John D. Amis of Northampton County, North Carolina to Richard Singleton of South Carolina, both of which are bare of details.

Much new material on this matter has recently come to light however among the papers of Francis Beverly Whiting of "Clay Hill", Clarke County, Virginia, now in the possession of his great-grandson, George H. Burwell of "Mt. Airy", also in that county. This includes what is apparently a unique copy of Feild's prospectus which we reproduce in facsimile herewith. It is printed in newspaper type in one side of a sheet folded in the form of a letter, the other side being addressed to Mr. Whiting. The format suggests that it was also intended to be printed in a newspaper, but if so the identity of the latter is unknown to turf historians.

It is interesting to note that Feild believed the necessary material for his projected work would have been gathered by February 1826, particularly in view of the fact that the first volume of what was to be the definitive American Stud Book was not published until 1868.

His choice of *Castianira as an example for the pedigree of a broodmare was most natural, she being the dam of Sir Archy, (f. 1805) otherwise known as the Godolphin Arabian of America then at the very height of his fame and influence as a stallion. He was named after Captain Archibald Cary Randolph of Ben Lomond, Goochland County, Virginia whose namesake and great grandson is now Master of the Piedmont Hounds. In 1805 Capt. Ran-

dolph came to live at "Carter Hall", Frederick (now Clarke) County, Virginia, the residence of his father-in-law Col. Nathaniel Burwell, bringing with him his family and most of his movable property.

*Castianira foaled 1796 (not 1776 as misprinted in the prospectus), was the property of John Tayloe, III of Richmond County who had leased her to Capt. Randolph to be bred on shares. Whether the mare and her famous foal of 1805 accompanied Capt. Randolph to Carter Hall is a matter that has long been debated. The list of her produce and their sires as given in Fairfax Harrison's "Early American Turf Stock" (Vol. I, pp. 296-299) shows, however, that the mare did not arrive at Carter Hall until some time between the breeding seasons of 1807, when she was mated with *Archduke who stood at Thomas Branch's in Chesterfield County, and that of 1808 when she was bred to *Sir Peter Teazle who stood in Frederick County. Capt. Randolph remained at Carter Hall until his death in 1813, as did undoubtedly his famous matron of the turf. Her last recorded produce was the mare Noli-me-tangere, f. 1810, by Topgallant who was also a Frederick County horse.

Also included in the Whiting papers is the following letter from Feild to Mr. Whiting:

Dear Sir,

Your communication directed to the Secty of N. Market J. C. reach'd me some time in Apl. while I was confined by indisposition. On my recovery I was called off to the races, I have not had leisure to answer you until now.

Marianna, your mares pedigree I consider full of the richest blood and well entitled to a place in the Stud Book. I wish you had forwarded a full account of her progeny—herewith I send you a form that you may supply the omission and when used you may consign it to some other person possessed of blooded stock.—

very Resp. y. y. ob. t. Sv. t

Theo. Feild
Please direct to me at Feild's Mills Va.

Marianna's pedigree, "full of the richest blood" is also included among the papers and, if space permitted, we could cite this as well and much about it that is interesting. Enough has been set forth, however, to show the difficulties and the enormous labor involved in the task of compiling a Stud Book and the way in which Theophilus Feild, the first man to undertake the job in adequate fashion in this country, endeavored to meet and overcome them.

AMERICAN STUD BOOK

THIS WORK has engaged much attention for several years,—considerable matter has been collected, and it is now advancing to maturity. That it may be as full and perfect as possible, all persons who have any fondness for Horses, and are disposed to contribute to the useful; who have been, or are now engaged in breeding the Blooded Horse, are earnestly solicited to forward, as soon as possible, by the form below, an account of their stock of horses, at present or at any former time owned; and they who feel any interest in its speedy completion, are importuned to stimulate their less zealous friends. It is hoped that no delay will attend a compliance with this request, as it is too true to be doubted, that a publication like this will greatly enhance the value of any man's stock of horses.

It is expected that all communications will be made as soon as practicable, and none delayed, which are intended, beyond the 1st of February, 1826, a space, it is believed, more than sufficient for all communications; as it is

intended by that time to commence the arrangement, and as soon after as possible, to put the work to press, not doubting that the subscription will be sufficiently full to justify the publication.

Communications will be addressed to the Secretary of the New-Market Jockey Club, Petersburg, Va.

The form for a Brood Mare and her progeny:

(Her name, if any.)
A ———, folded in ———, bred by ———, sold to ——— (if any) was got by ———, her dam, (name if any) by ———, and continue the Pedigree in full.

In the first blank insert color, as black, brown, chestnut, sorrel, bay, or grey—in the second blank, the year folded in—in the 3rd, by whom bred—in the 4th, to whom sold, (if any sale)—5th, Sire, & give a full Pedigree with remarks if she is distinguished in any way.

Example:

(CASTIANIRA.)
A brown Mare, folded 1776, bred by John Tayloe, Esq. of ——— County, Va. imported 1799, got by Rockingham, he by Highflyer—dam Tabitha, by Trentham—Bosporus, &c.

1805, b. c. Sir Archy, by Diomed.
1807, s. c. Hephastion, by Buzzard.
1808, br. f. Castania, by Archduke
1809, missed, to ———

Stating the horses to which she may have mated.

For a Stallion—Example:

(GREY DIOMED.)
A grey Horse, folded 1786, bred by Richard Brooke, Esq. of ———, sold to John Tayloe, who sold him to Maj. James Bick, of Brunswick County, Va.—He was got by Medley, his dam by Sloe, Vampire, &c. with remarks, if he be distinguished particularly in any thing. If imported, when and by whom.

The remote or recent records of any Jockey Club now in existence, will be thankfully received on loan, and shall be safely returned. That this valuable collection may be continued hereafter, it is earnestly recommended, that all who stand horses should exert themselves to obtain annually the Pedigrees of all Mares sent to them, and after the produce is known, to forward the Pedigree and result, directed to the Secretary of New Market, Petersburg.

*The publication of a Calendar of Races past and to come, is in contemplation.—To effect that object, which is thought desirable and important, all Secretaries of Jockey Clubs are requested to forward annually, by the 31st December, a transcript of all their Races, and each Club will be furnished with a copy gratis.

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Pimlico 'Chasing

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up, when a field of 7 started and all stood up.

All in all, the Pimlico 'chasing has been good. The many youthful riders, more with inexperience this year than in some time, have made for some rough races on maiden and green 'chasers. "They're riding like wild Indians and cowboys", one trainer summarized it but it has been clean rough riding without fouls.

Belmont opened on May 6 and Kent Miller's owned and trained War Battle, with Jockey E. Jennings up, scored in the opening hurdle events.

SUMMARIES

Allow. 'Chase, Tues., April 30, abt. 2 mi., 4 & up. Purse, \$3,500. Net value to winner, \$2,200; 2nd: \$750; 3rd: \$350; 4th: \$200. Winner: Ch. E. (8), by Annapolis—Pimento II, by Pomern. Trainer: W. G. Jones. Breeder: Mrs. duPont Scott. Time: 3:51 3-5.

1. Rouge Dragon, (M. A. Cushman), 152, W. Leonard.
2. Soldier Song, (Glen Riddle Farm), 152, R. Miller.
3. Delhi Dan, (Brookmeade Stable), 143, F. D. Adams.
Ten started, eight finished; also ran (order of finish): R. McKinney's Navigato, 150, E. A. Russell; T. T. Mott's Kennebunk, 137, R. S. McDonald; Miss E. Widener's Adaptable, 145, J. Hewlett; Mrs. C. E. Adams' Refugio, 144, J. Meyers; W. R. Chenworth's Kittiwake, 140, C. T. Holloway; lost rider: last jump, Mrs. S. C. Clark, Jr.'s Bill Coffman, 152, T. Field; lost rider: 9th fence, B. Sharp's Lieut. Well, 137, C. Peoples. Won easily by 1 1/2; place driving by 3/4; show same by 6. Scratched: Abdale, Rougemont.

Cl. 'Chase, Wed., May 1, abt. 2 mi., 4 & up. Purse \$3,300. Net value to winner, \$1,850; 2nd: \$800; 3rd: \$400; 4th: \$250. Winner: Br. G. (5), by Sammie—Little Chamer, by 'Sun Chamer. Trainer: Mrs. C. E. Adams. Breeder: J. H. Lewis. Time: 3:58.

1. Little Sammie, (Mrs. C. E. Adams), 152, F. D. Adams.
2. Nurr, (I. Bieber), 148, T. Fields.
3. Strolling On, (C. Black), 145, W. Bland, Jr.
Eight started, six finished; also ran (order of finish): J. Stuart's Rice Cake, 135, R. J. McDonald; Mrs. H. Obre's Abidale, 143, Mr. Powers; J. Bosley, Jr.'s Fieldfare, 150, Mr. Bosley; lost rider: 10th jump, Mrs. D. E. Barrett's Strawhide, 139, Mr. Shea, Jr.; fell: 4th jump, A. O. Reid's Orgulloso, 141, P. D. Reid. Won ridden out by 1 1/2; place driving by neck; show same by 5. No scratches.

Ticket of Leave 'Cap 'Chase, Thurs., May 2, abt. 2 mi., 4 & up. Purse \$4,000. Net value to winner, \$2,200; 2nd: \$1,000; 3rd: \$500; 4th: \$300. Winner: Ch. G. (7), by American Flag—Baggage Trail, by Bagenbaggage. Trainer: A. White. Breeder: J. Watkins. Time: 3:54.

1. Greek Flag, (Brookmeade Stable), 137, F. D. Adams.
2. Deanslaw, (Mrs. E. duPont Weir), 134, J. Magee.
3. Beneksar, (Mrs. H. G. Obre), 135 1/2, R. Miller.
Five started, four finished; also ran (order of finish): I. Bieber's Ahmick, 148, T. Fields; lost rider: 2nd jump, T. Mott's Floating Isle, 155, J. McCulloch. Won handily by 4; place driving by 1 1/2; show same by 1 1/2. No scratches.

Maidens, spl. wts., Fri., May 3, abt. 2 mi., 4 & up. Purse \$3,500. Net value to winner, \$2,000; 2nd: \$850; 3rd: \$400; 4th: \$250. Winner: B. G. by Cohort—Bogie, by On Watch. Trainer: Rigan McKinney. Breeder: H. N. Davis. Time: 4:02 3-5.

1. Military Man, (Rigan McKinney), 150, E. A. Russell.
2. American Way, (Rokeby Stables), 145, W. Bland, Jr.
3. George Corn, (L. H. Nelles), 141, J. Kirkland.

Eight started, four finished; also ran (order of finish): Mrs. M. E. Whitney's Spikery, 151, R. Miller. Fell: last jump, Clynmalrya Stud's Quonset, 145, J. Meyers; last jump, R. H. Fenwick's Northern Light, 150, Mr. John Bosley III; 12th jump, lost rider, Mrs. D. N. Lee's Phantant, 135, R. S. McDonald; fell: 12th jump, Mrs. Corliss Sullivan's Tanrackson, 145, W. Burns; lost rider: 3rd jump, A. Bonuomo's Phalanger, 140, C. Peoples. Won handily by 1 1/2 length; place driving by 12; show same by 4. Scratched: Big Three, 145.

Cl. 'Chase, Mon., May 6, abt. 2 mi., 4 & up. Purse, \$4,000. Net value to winner, \$1,850; 2nd: \$800; 3rd: \$400; 4th: \$250. Winner: Br. G. (13), by Exeter—Tantara, by Greenback. Trainer: J. Bosley, Jr. Breeder: G. F. Dunn in Bre. Time: 3:59 2-5.

1. Rougemont, (J. Bosley, Jr.), 139, E. A. Russell.
2. Mamie's Lad, (A. J. Paciello), 149, F. D. Adams.
3. Frederic II, (I. Bieber), 144, T. Fields.
Seven started, and finished; also ran (order of finish): T. T. Mott's Bridlespur, 135, R. S. McDonald; J. Stuart's Rice Cake, 144, J. McCulloch; Mrs. E. duPont Weir's Himn, 131, H. Harris; E. Roberts' Rubicon, 138, R. Miller. Won ridden out by 2; place driving by 4; show same by 1 1/2. Scratched: Sir Bluesteel.

Stakes Summaries

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Jamaica

34th running Youthful Stakes, Wed., May 1, 3/4 mi., 2-yr.-olds. Purse, \$10,000 added; net value to winner, \$10,150; 2nd: \$2,000; 3rd: \$1,000; 4th: \$500. Winner: B. C., by Eternal Bull—Red Haze, by Man o'War. Trainer: F. Catrone. Breeder: D. M. Davis. Time: 59 3-5.

1. Eternal War, (A. T. Simmons), 117, B. James.
2. Pompeian, (J. R. Steinman), 117, T. May.
3. Red Devil, (W. S. Horne), 113, R. Donose.
Eight started; also ran (order of finish): Mrs. C. O. Iselin's Nassau, 122, W. Morrissey;

Cain Hoy Stable's Noble Creek, 114, E. Guerin; J. M. Roebing's Marble Arch, 113, T. Atkinson; C. V. Whitney's Gay Song, 113, C. Givens; W. G. Loew's Leander, 113, E. Arcaro. Won driving by 1 1/2; place same by neck; show same by 3/4. Scratched: Wise Friz.

6th running Grey Lag 'Cap, Sat., May 4, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up. Purse, \$30,000 added; net value to winner, \$24,750; 2nd: \$6,000; 3rd: \$3,000; 4th: \$1,500. Winner: Ch. h. (5), by Equestrian—Stop Watch, by On Watch. Trainer: H. Jacobs. Breeder: M. Hirsch. Time: 1:49 3-5. (equals track record)

1. Stymlie, (Mrs. E. D. Jacobs), 127, H. Woodhouse.
2. Bounding Home, (W. Ziegler, Jr.), 105, H. Lindberg.
3. Fighting Step, (Muriogg Farm), 126, J. Adams.
Seven started; also ran (order of finish): W. L. Brann's Gallorette, 114, R. Donose; Mrs. E. Mulrenan's First Fiddle, 128, C. McCreary; Mrs. A. L. Rice's Snow Boots, 122, B. James; Belair Stud's Isology, 105, P. Miller. Won easily by 2; place driving by 3 1/2; show same by 1 1/4. No scratches.

Churchill Downs

9th running Derby Trial Stakes, Tues., April 30, 1 mi., 3-yr.-olds. Purse, \$10,000 added; net value to winner, \$9,775; 2nd: \$2,000; 3rd: \$1,000; 4th: \$500. Winner: B. C. by Pompey—Broad Ripple, by Stimulus. Trainer: E. L. Snyder. Breeder: Mrs. R. A. Van Clief. Time: 1:40 1/2.

1. Rippey, (W. Hells), 110, F. Zufelt.
2. Spy Song, (Dixiana Stables), 118, J. Longden.
3. With Pleasure, (Brolite Farm), 118, C. Wahler.

Ten started; also ran (order of finish): King Ranch's Assault, 118, W. Mehrtens; A. C. Ernst's Alamond, 115, A. Kirkland; Bobanet Stable's Marine Victory, 118, D. Padgett; Calumet Farm's In Earnest, 112, D. Dodson; Brown Hotel Stable's Double Slam, 110, F. Truschka; R. S. McLaughlin's Wee Admiral, 115, R. Watson; H. F. Headley's Monover, 110, G. Hettinger. Won driving by neck; place same by 4; show same by neck. Scratched: Heres How, Dark Jungle, Ariel Ace, Mist o'Gold.

46th running Debutante Stakes, Wed., May 1, 3/4 mi., 2-yr.-old fillies. Purse, \$10,000 added; net value to winner, \$10,650; 2nd: \$2,000; 3rd: \$1,000; 4th: \$500. Winner: B. f., by Blue Larkspur—Camelot, by 'Sir Gallahad III. Trainer: W. Crump. Breeder: M. Field. Time: 1:02.

1. Blue Grass, (A. B. A. Hancock, Jr.), 114, D. Padgett.
2. Jeannie Pie, (W. Veeneman), 119, A. Bodiou.
3. Gayest, (Devereaux Bros.), 114, K. Knott.

Twelve started; also ran (order of finish): Mrs. F. Sharpe's Little Sting, 119, H. Wallace; J. C. Ellis' Blank Dismay, 119, E. Hust; Maine Chance Farm's War Fan, 114, W. Bailey; W. Veeneman's Dainty Red, 119, G. Hettinger; J. A. Kinard, Jr.'s Elbekay, 119, A. Lo Turco; Gleeson & Litwin's Flash Flood, 119, S. Brooks; J. C. Ellis' Miss Neal, 119, J. Molbert; Look-out Stock Farm's Lookout Jester, 122, R. Hartwick; F. W. Hooper's Miss Mood, 119, F. Zufelt. Won driving by 1 1/2; place same by 5; show same by 1 1/2. Scratched: My Margie.

72nd running Kentucky Derby, Sat., May 4, 1 1/4 mi., 3-yr.-olds. Purse, \$100,000 added; net value to winner, \$96,500; 2nd: \$10,000; 3rd: \$5,000; 4th: \$2,500. Winner: Ch. c., by Bold Venture—Equal, by Equipose. Trainer: Max Hirsch. Breeder: King Ranch. Time: 2:06 3-5.

1. Assault, (King Ranch), 128, W. Mehrtens.
2. Spy Song, (Dixiana Stable), 128, J. Longden.
3. Hampden, (Foxcatcher Farms), 126, J. D. Jessop.

Seventeen started; also ran (order of finish): Maine Chance Farm's Lord Boswell, 128, E. Arcaro; Maine Chance Farm's Knockdown, 126, R. Permaine; A. C. Ernst's Alamond, 126, A. Kirkland; D. Ferguson's Bob Murphy, 126, A. Bodiou; H. P. Headley's Pellicle, 128, G. Hettinger; Maine Chance Farm's Perfect Bahram, 126, T. Atkinson; W. Hells' Rippey, 126, F. Zufelt; H. W. Fielding's Jobar, 126, J. R. Layton; L. B. Combs' Dark Jungle, 126, A. Lo Turco; Mrs. R. D. Patterson's Alworth, 126, O. Scurlock; Erolite Farm's With Pleasure, 126, C. Wahler; Bobanet Stable's Marine Victory, 126, D. Padgett; R. S. McLaughlin's Wee Admiral, 126, R. Watson; Mrs. D. M. Hollingsworth's Kendor, 126, W. L. Johnson. Won driving by 8; place same by head; show by 1. No scratches.

Narragansett Park

14th running Blackstone Valley 'Cap, Sat., May 4, 3/4 mi., 3 & up. Purse, \$7,500 added; net value to winner, \$7,230; 2nd: \$1,500; 3rd: \$750; 4th: \$300. Winner: Blk. m., (5), by 'Quatre Bras II—Flying Wind, by 'Stirling Player. Trainer: T. Haskos. Breeder: Mrs. C. L. Harrison. Time: 1:11.

1. Windmill, (Mrs. T. Haskos), 114, J. Liccauli.
2. Burgoon Maid, (R. Sidell), 114, C. W. Smith.
3. Jo Agness, (J. P. Holton), 115, F. Tobin.

Twelve started; also ran (order of finish): H. T. Darling's West Fleet, 123, M. Corona; M. Stuart's Ogham, 119, E. Franklin; Kenmore Wexler's Air Patrol, 113, J. Breen; Lipson & Kane's Tiger Call, 117, W. Duffy; Brozman & Halley's Don Miller, 107 1/2, F. Zehr; S. Garfield's Shiny Penny, 114, C. Rogers; Cresson Farm's Valdina Lamar, 116, J. Pollard; A. F. Wall's Hi Gallant, 109, J. Chestnut. Won driving by head; place same by 1/2; show same by 2. Scratched: Free Transit, Son Admiral, Valdina Craft, Johnny Jr., Sky Skipper, Linwood Jim.

Belmont Park

53rd running Toboggan 'Cap, Mon., May 6, 3/4 mi., 3 & up. Purse, \$15,000 added; net value to winner, \$11,650; 2nd: \$3,000; 3rd: \$1,500; 4th: \$750. Winner: Br. c., (5), by Unbreakable—Black Polly, by 'Polymellian. Trainer: M. H. Dixon. Breeder: Elmendorf Farm. Time: 1:13.

1. Polynesia, (Mrs. P. A. B. Widener), 124, W. D. Wright.
2. Cassis, (D. Howe), 113, T. Atkinson.
3. King Dorsett, (J. B. Theall), 117, E. Guerin.

Seven started; also ran (order of finish): G. D. Widener's Lucky Straw, 120, A. Kirkland; W. M. Jeffords' Pavot, 125, E. Arcaro; A. F. Plock's Ellis, 120, B. James; D. Howe's True North, 128, J. D. Jessop. Won driving by head; place same by 4; show same by 2. Scratched: Buzfuz, Flood Town.

Allow. Hurdles, May 6, abt. 1 1/4 mi., 4 & up. Purse \$4,000. Net value to winner, \$2,600; 2nd: \$800; 3rd: \$400; 4th: \$200. Winner: B. G. (9),

Breeders' Notes

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Mrs. Ingalls' Nursery

Mrs. Fay Ingalls is standing the *Sun Briar sire, Sunador and the Bostonian stallion, Boston Mat, at her Thoroughbred nursery near Hot Springs, Va., again this year. Golden Ann, by Polydor, barren to Boston Mat in 1945 went back to him this year and took Beaubabs, by *Gino, barren to Boston Mat last year went to Milkman this year. Beaubabs has a typy looking 2-year-old filly by Sunador on which connections are exceedingly high; "she moves like a cloud". Morris Dixon has 2 in training for Mrs. Ingalls and Tom Waller has another. Both Dixon charges are progeny of Boston Mat and homebreds.

Max Hirsch's Ventures

Max Hirsch saddled a number of Kentucky Derby runners prior to that rough year of 1936, when he put the tack on Bold Venture and saw him slam-banged through the stretch to triumph by Jockey Meade. Texas-born Trainer Hirsch, the Texans, Robert J. Kleberg, Jr., and Bold Venture, son of *St. Germans—Possible, by Ultimus, at stud at the King Ranch, near Kingsville, Tex., and the Equipose mare, Iqual was the combination that pulled off the 72nd running of the Kentucky Derby, as the former Jamaica-N. Y. High School student and swimmer and diver, Jockey Warren Mehrtens did the riding. Mr. Hirsch shares the distinction with Dick Thompson and "Sunny" Jim Fitzsimmons in saddling the winner of the Kentucky Derby and returning to give a leg up to a rider to score with a colt by the previous winner. Trainer Thompson did it with Bubbling Over in 1926 and 6 years later saddled Burgoon King, son of Bubbling Over. "Sunny Jim" did it in 1930 with

by Battleship—Ponova, by Pomern. Trainer: Kent Miller. Breeder: L. B. Gay. Time: 2:50 3-5.

1. War Battle, (Kent Miller), 155, E. Jennings.
2. Mat, (Mrs. F. A. Clark), 139, F. Kratz.
3. Gala Reigh, (H. B. Horkheimer), 143, M. Fife.

Six started, and finished; also ran (order of finish): Mrs. E. duPont Weir's Binder, 153, J. Magee; Mrs. J. D. Doerr's Yankee Chance, 137, J. Gayer; Mrs. F. A. Clark's Cosy, 135, W. Breland. Won cleverly by 2 1/2; place driving by 2; show same by 4. No scratches.

Gallant Fox and 5 years later Gallant Fox's son Omaha splashed home the winner. The stallion roster indicates that Bold Venture is standing at King Ranch; other information denotes the horse is farmed out.

North Cliff Foals

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Church, Jr., have been busy these days with North Cliff foal arrivals on their farm near Rixeyville, Va. Well known consignors to the Fasig-Tipton yearling sales, they are particularly pleased with a bay colt foal by Roman-X out of the stakes producing Man o'War mare Crows Feet, dam of No Wrinkles. Angelus Tempo, by *Pharamond II, a young mare, dam of only one other, foaled a good filly by Pilate this spring. This matron is a half-sister to the dam of Revoked, Galla Belle. Other North Cliff foals include a Ladysman colt out of Noticing, by Transmute and a chestnut filly by Ladysman out of Lotus Flower by Whichone, which mare is out of the great mare Waterblossom. Crows Feet goes to Easton, Angelus Tempo and Lotus Flower to Attention, Noticing to Valdina Orphan. Two other young mares by *Carlaris and *Masked Marvel II have fillies by Petrose and are going to Milkman and Maxim this year.

Coals to Newcastle

At the Pimlico opening meeting, the Thoroughbred Racing Association sent down their parcel of detectives from the Protective Bureau. One of these gentlemen thought he detected an illegal bookie in the crowd. He accosted the suspect and was promptly advised to lay off or watch out and at any cost not to lay a hand on him. This was too much for the detective who, although hired to catch dopesters, still felt he knew a bookie when he saw one. He laid a patronising hand on the suspect's shoulder. Nearby a uniformed officer of the law was standing. The helpless victim of the TRAPB motioned the law to his side.

"Officer," he said, pointed to the clean-up squad of one whose hand still hovered caressingly about him. "Arrest this man for assault." And the TRAPB detective was duly escorted to the jug.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to take this opportunity to advise the many interested horsemen and women who contacted me in regard to my recent shipment of Irish horses, that all of these horses have been sold, with the exception of two geldings.

These horses still available are: bay gelding, 6-year-old, middleweight, 16.2 hands, and grey gelding, 4-year-old, 16.1 hands.

I expect another shipment in a few weeks and I will announce the arrival of these Irish imports in these columns.

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Grass Roots



Farming The Blue Grass Region

By A. Mackay Smith

Some time ago a friend of mine who maintains a considerable stud of Thoroughbreds in the east found himself in the pleasant and somewhat novel position of making so much money with his horses that the Internal Revenue Department threatened to get the lion's share. In order to avoid this unfortunate possibility and to enrich the bloodlines of his stud, he booked several of his mares to the most fashionable (and most expensive) stallions in Kentucky, thereby killing 2 birds with 1 stone.

When it came time to select a place to which to ship his mares he asked the fabulous Col. Phil T. Chinn what was the best farm in the Blue Grass. "You mean the best stud farm," said Chinn. "No, the best dirt farm that also keeps horses". "Why that's easy, Colonel", said Chinn, "Charley Nuckols at Midway is the best farmer between Paris and Frankfort".

So, in due course, to the Nuckols farm they went, where I followed them one sunny day in late April. Mr. Nuckols is the third generation to live on his 500 acres, his grandfather having sold another farm and moved to Midway, which is on the railroad, so that he could get his morning paper on time. It lies in the heart of the belt of phosphatic limestone which makes the region one of the great grazing districts of the world. Not far away the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company mines phosphate. Well watered and gently rolling, it is a piece of land that would make any stockman's mouth water.

In spite of its reputation, horses are not the principal agricultural product of the Blue Grass. This, on the contrary, is burley tobacco, which year in and year out makes more money, even for the big stud farms, than anything else. In order to keep from glutting the market and incidentally to conserve fertility each farm has an acreage quota which it may not exceed.

Mr. Nuckols follows the standard practice of the district. Each year he plows his quota which is approximately one tenth of the farm or 50 acres. This is sown about May 15th, with tobacco plants raised under cloth on the farm from root-rot resistant seed developed by the University of Kentucky. A teaspoonful of seed, mixed with a gallon and a half of fertilizer, seeds a bed 35x12 feet. The plants are set out in rows like corn and are lightly cultivated about 5 times during the season. They are cut by hand in the autumn, placed in racks and hung in the big

tobacco barns so that no leaf touches another. They are cured or "fired" with coke and in the winter the leaves are stripped off by hand.

Tobacco-growing is hard work that requires a large percentage of hand labor. Mr. Nuckols, like most of his neighbors, lets out the crop to tobacco tenants who receive a house and garden, but furnish labor, power and tools. For this they receive half the crop when it is sold. Tobacco can be damaged in many ways and partial failures are not uncommon. In a good year the crop sells for \$600 to \$800 an acre (prices are even higher now). A tobacco tenant can handle from 12 to 15 acres. Last year one of Mr. Nuckols tenants banked \$5600 as his share of the year's work.

The land is kept for 2 years in tobacco which means about 100 acres each year. At \$300 an acre this makes a gross income of \$30,000, less the fertilizer bill which should not exceed \$25.00 per acre. No wonder that horses take 2nd place, financially speaking.

After the 2nd year of tobacco the land is seeded to wheat or rye mixed with blue grass and red clover and allowed to go back into grass after the small grain has been harvested. In dry years it is not allowed to mature but is used as pasture. There are no permanent pastures, the theory being that the sod becomes "rotten" unless plowed at regular intervals.

Blue grass seed is harvested from some of the fields using special strippers which pull the seed off the stalks. The grass is not grazed in the spring, harvest time being about June 1st. Thereafter the stalks are mowed or closely grazed and the grass is available as pasture for the balance of the season. The seed is air cured in windrows on the mow floors, which usually takes about 6 weeks.

Mr. Nuckols took a number of us who happened to arrive about the same time to look at his own mares and a considerable number of board-

ers. There are no frills about the place, but buildings and fences are adequate and practical. This being a farming rather than a horse article we shall not go into the names and pedigrees of what we saw. Suffice it to say that all the stock were in the best of condition. Mr. Nuckols lets his own mares run out all the time at this season, once the foals are a few weeks old, feeding the mares in troughs and the foals in a creep. The boarders get more stabling but looked not a bit better than the home mares and their offspring.

The view from the upper barn, which is built on a hill commanding the whole countryside, was very lovely. The locust trees were covered with white bloom, said to be a sign of a good season to come. From where we stood we could see on the adjoining farm the place where Longfellow and Ten Broeck lie buried and beyond it Woodburn where the Alexanders assembled the greatest collection of stock this country has ever seen, the Thoroughbreds headed by Lexington, the trotters by Abdallah and the Short-horns by Duke of Airdrie—all three of them cornerstones in the histories of their respective breeds. The soil on which we stood had indeed made history for the livestock of America.

To an easterner two things seem wanting in the Kentucky farm practice. One is that although a certain amount of lime is spread on pastures almost no one seems to spread phosphate. An exception is the C. V. Whitney farm managed by the eastern-trained Ivor Balding. In consequence there is very little wild white clover or clover of any kind to be seen after the red clover seeded in the wheat has run out, which it does in about 2 years. This means that most Kentucky pastures are subject to drouth and even in normal seasons are not particularly productive in mid-summer. In fact most broodmares and foals are fed hay after July 1st.

Another thing is that no hay is raised in the district. This means that it is difficult to check on the fertilizer content of the hay which has to be brought in from outside which, judging from what I saw in the racks on several different stud farms, varies a great deal as to quality. One of the few farms to spread phosphate and make hay is Forest Retreat, owned by Dr. and Mrs. Esle Asbury, which has made an exceptional record with its home bred colts in recent years. We shall have

more to say about this in a subsequent article.

All in all, however, the blue grass farms are among the most profitable and productive in the world. As such they can well be studied by all of us.

Col. Wall's Books

A. A. Cederwald, of the American Remount Assn. advises that Col. John F. Wall contemplates publishing another volume. This book will be entitled: "Famous Running Horses—Their Ancestors and Selected Progeny" and will have a fall publishing date.

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Notes From Great Britain

By J. Fairfax Blakeborough

Lads From Poor Quarters Of Towns Quicker Than Country Boys As Jockeys

Since the days of "Yorkshire John" Singleton, the first professional jockey, there have been many chapters on the evolution of the life and status of jockeys and trainers. Time was when both were in a very real sense the servants of those who employed them. They wore their master's livery (plus top hat) when they went away to race meetings, trainers being officially described as "training grooms" and often acting as coachmen or studsmen, with jockeys as stable men at the country seat of some patrician landowner. One famous early Turfite, when asked where he found such good feather-weight lads to ride his horses in races, replied, "Find 'em! I breed 'em on the estate!" So it was that the lightweight sons of grooms and other family retainers, wore the silk racing livery and rode in races. Their life and status was very much that of country house servants. No doubt they received a certain amount of hero worship and distinction when they won races. Racing news, however, was given very short shrift in the Press of that day and the names of jockeys, let alone their successes, were not mentioned. Indeed, in the earliest Racing Calendars, when jockeys were included in the returns at all, one finds in many instances, the riders of winners referred to as "A Feather"—the description then accorded to very light and unknown riders. In those days such jockeys would spend their winters at their masters' country house, working among his hunters, bloodstock and carriage horses; riding them at exercise on days when hounds were not out and the carriage not in use. They would be included in the "below stairs" Christmas festivities, which were of a generous character in the epoch when peers and squires lived as "good old English gentlemen", in almost feudal style.

Then came the era of the public trainer, who established quarters at Newmarket, Malton, Hambleton, Middleham, Richmond or elsewhere to prepare horses entrusted to his care. It was soon found that sportsmen who trained their animals at home in their parks could not compete with the greater facilities, the stable management and the tricks and wiles of the professional trainer. Thus also a new type of jockey came into being—reared in the training establishments rather than under the aegis of country houses. At the outset they were drawn from the same source as had supplied the squires, but gradually trainers found what famous old John Osborne once told me—that town lads were better able to take care of themselves than village boys in the rough and tumble days of race riding. There were fights with whips on horseback, "crossing and jostling" and foul riding was allowed, unless the conditions of races expressly stated otherwise, and jockeys frequently slept in the same box as their horses when away from home to be ready for a visit of any of the horse-maimers and "nobbles" paid to "get at" heavily backed animals. Osborne, a famous jockey in his day, and son

of a great trainer, said to me:

"We find that the lads from the poor quarters of towns are quicker, that they've had to stick up for themselves, and that they hold their own better than country boys. Another thing, undersized town lads are not so big-boned as those bred in the country. Thus, there is less likelihood of their growing too heavy to ride in races after we have had all the trouble of teaching them."

Apprentice, at the period of which John Osborne was speaking, got 2/6 a week and a suit of clothes. As presents to jockeys for riding winners were almost unknown, and very small when any reward was forthcoming, both apprentices and jockeys had a full time job at the stable for which they rode. They did occasionally get away from "doing their two" (i. e. attending to two horses), but that was the duty of most jockeys when not attending race meetings. There was also "tack" to clean, and the ordinary routine of, at anyrate, an elder stable lad, to follow.

Eventually came the day of jockeys with retainers and free-lance jockeys; some of them refined, well-mannered youths with a good education. In our present day we are certainly a long way from "A Feather" riding to unsung glory with our well publicized jockeys to whom the public extends such hero worship, to whom they allude familiarly by their first names, and about whom they talk in street and market place with unflagging interest.

A House Without Dogs

When I was a boy you could not move in our house without striding over or treading on a dog. They looked upon themselves and were treated as members of the family. There were usually a few as near the fire as they could get and they growled at having to move from what they looked upon as their privileged place.

There are of course country houses in which cats and dogs are not allowed to enter. I have often been amused at these places to hear someone suddenly scrape his feet on the stone floor and call out "Scat" with the result that half a dozen cats dart out of the doorway from various corners into which they have crept. Sheep dogs also manage to slink into kitchens in which they are not welcome—those of super cleanly, house-proud farmer's wives. These intruders get themselves into as small a room as possible and shamefacedly make their exit when discovered. A house without dogs may be the highway to heaven in cleanliness but it lacks what many of us look upon as the essentials to a home. It is the dogs which have lived their lives in intimate touch with our own which claim the beautiful epitaph accorded the canine friends of Lady Dorothy Nevill in their little burial ground in Hampshire.

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They never cheated and they never lied.
They never intrigued at rival to displace;
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Happy the man—if there be such—
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Washington Show

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The son of the well-known Mrs. M. E. Whitney's Llangollen Farm stallion, Bonne Nuit, took the feature class of the day, the knock-down-and-out, and also won the jumping event for privately owned horses. These victories, plus a 4th picked up in the hack class, gave Greylark 11 points towards the coveted Earl of Harwood trophy, which goes to the horse winning the most points in the Association's 2 shows, the 2nd of which will be held on September 15.

Miss Bobby Lee's Bonne Fille, another Bonne Nuit progeny, was runner-up to Greylark with 6 points by virtue of a 2nd in the privately owned jumpers and 2nd in the knock-down-and-out.

Miss Clara Kretzinger, who has been jumping horses just a short while, and riding in the show ring only this season, showed the way to a large field when she took the blue with Potomac Riding Academy's Brownie. Brownie was the champion of the riding stable horses, with 7 points.

SUMMARIES

Privately Owned Jumpers—1. Greylark, Mrs. Betty Hurst; 2. Bonne Fille, Bobby Lee; 3. Wild Day, Thelma Fulton; 4. Bill's Lass, Shelley Warren.

Riding Academy Bridle Trails Hacks—1. Greystone, Potomac Riding Academy; 2. Duchess, Potomac Riding Academy; 3. Brownie, Potomac Riding Academy; 4. Caddy, Potomac Riding School.

Junior Bridle Trails Hacks—1. Honey Child, Alden Crane; 2. Duchess, Potomac Riding School; 3. Lady, Potomac Riding School; 4. Grey Miss, Miriam Reublin.

Riding Academy Bridle Trails Jumpers—1. Brownie, Potomac Riding School; 2. Fred, Potomac Riding School; 3. Little Sis, Potomac Riding School; 4. Caddy, Potomac Riding School.

Privately Owned Bridle Trails Hacks—1. My Pal, James McWilliams; 2. After Dark, Anne Hagner; 3. Will's Lass, Shelley Warren; 4. Greylark, Mrs. Betty Hurst.

Knockdown-and-Out—1. Greylark, Mrs. Betty Hurst; 2. Bonne Fille, Bobby Lee; 3. Kay Boy, Sherman Flint; 4. Jitterbug, Rene Counselman.

Privately Owned, Champion: Greylark, 11 points, Mrs. Betty Hurst; reserve: Bonne Fille, Bobby Lee.

Riding Stable Champion: Brownie, Potomac Riding School; reserve: Greystone, Potomac Riding Academy.

Illinois Cross-Country

L. F. Caulfield is very keen about reviving the horse show and hunting-hunter interest in Hinsdale, Ill. In conjunction with the 11 classes slated for the First Annual Spring Show, which is a schooling event for the main show held in late September, Mr. Caulfield advises that there will be a 2-mile cross-country race for hunters. This is a post and rail natural hunting course, with no jumps over 3'-6" and there is a minimum purse of \$50. Horses are to be ridden in hunting kit at 175 lbs. Trophies in classes will be of utility value—coolers, halters, lead-shanks, etc.

Correll's Not Showing

Mrs. Betty Correll usually makes news when she shows her hunter string. Now it is news that she will not be showing her hunters at her own show at Secor Farms, May 10-12, at White Plains, N. Y. Mrs. Correll is working tirelessly promoting the event and believes that exhibitors would misinterpret her showing her horses at her own show.

Racing In England

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—which was run over the full course, a fraction over three miles, and among them there were, as I have said, several horses which were entered for the Grand National at Aintree. Among them "Post Prince" a taking-looking chestnut, was promptly installed as favourite in the betting. I believe he might have won—he certainly looked like it, as he was making his run half a mile from home—but luck was against him and he fell at the last fence; the race being won by Mr. D. Jackson—a noted Oxford "Don"—who rode his own horse, "Tulyra", to victory. It was a hard-fought race throughout, one of the best one could wish to see, and—bar the accident—won on its merits.

And so, the day wore on—until a little after half past four, when we had seen the sixth and last race—we started back in our car, reaching home in time for that ever-present English fourth meal—Tea—which, with us at Stinsford consisted that afternoon, of "a bit of cake and a glass of port"—as the British say.

Talking over the day, later in the evening, and comparing the horses we had seen with those which might have been running at a similar meeting at home, we came to the conclusion that—taken as a whole—the class of the contestants in The Somerton 'Chase was equal to what one sees in the handicaps at our big tracks. The official time in a steeple-chase means very little; it depends too much on the going; but, except in the hurdle-race and in one of the shorter steeplechases, the pace struck me as distinctly slower than what one sees at the big tracks at home.

I can quite understand why the jockeys who ride in the Grand National at Aintree sit back in their saddles at the fences over that course, with its tremendous jumps; but I cannot, for the life of me, believe that any such seat is necessary over the smaller fences which one finds on the less important courses. The fences at Wincanton yesterday were distinctly less formidable than those at Belmont or Saratoga or the big Canadian tracks—they reminded me, for all the world, of the fences as they were at Pimlico, when I was last there, which—I regret to say—was about twenty years ago.

But this is not a critical comparison of the racing here in England with the racing at home. It is simply the somewhat wandering narrative of the way three rather homesick Americans spent their day on the twentieth of March in the year of our Lord, 1946.

Colt Show

The 9th annual colt show sponsored by Mrs. Sidney S. Gilbert, is to be held at her Glendhu Farm, North Salem, N. Y., on Saturday, June 8. It will follow the 2nd Annual Northern Westchester Horse Show, held at the same place on Sunday June 2.

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In the Country



Chronicle Engagement

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mer home in Lake Placid, N. Y. Miss Johnson is the daughter of the late George W. Johnson, of Englewood, N. J.

"The Little Woman"

Eleanor Williams, woman trainer, who gave up racing for the duration to manage husband Charles W. Williams' Stadacona Farms in Worthington Valley, is just now getting back to horses after the war years in which she managed 2 large farms, a milk route and 2 school age children. Petite, blonde Mrs. Williams, who looks less like a mechanic than anyone you know, also repaired vital farm machinery and kept the books for the breeding farm, stable and dairy. There are now 26 horses in training at Stadacona Farm where the stallion, Piping Rock is at stud.

Blood Brother Rivals

This year it looks as if trainer W. G. "Billy" Jones has the competition in his own barn. Blood brothers Mercator and Rouge Dragon, both by Annapolis and both purchased from their breeder, Mrs. Marlon DuPont Scott, for \$2500 each stand side by side in Barn H. at Pimlico and will be looking each other in the eye for top steeplechase honors in 1946. Both horses have impressive records behind them. Rouge Dragon, owned by A. M. Cushman, experienced bad luck in 1943 when, breaking loose at Pimlico, he suffered a broken

pelvis before being caught. Making a remarkable recovery, he was top money winning 'chaser in 1944. However, Mercator which in 1945 raced to top money winning honors in the silks of W. H. Lipscomb, will not yield his present standing easily. Mr. Jones' problem now is whether Jockey, W. "Red" Leonard, who rides both horses, will be up on Mercator or Rouge Dragon in the Jervis Spencer Memorial which both owners are of course anxious to win.

"Gift" Horse

One of the sweetest stories on the race track is that of Broiler, the pride of the small stable owned and trained by Mrs. Paul D. "Pete" Reid. Last year Broiler won 4 races and when he wins Mrs. Reid buys a present for the children, saying, "You wouldn't have had that coat or hat if Broiler hadn't won." The four Reid children love Broiler, now a veteran of the tracks and once again in training at Pimlico, where it is hoped his "gift" horse qualities will carry on. Mrs. Reid the former Anne Fox Oliver, of Baltimore, is the daughter of the late Stuart Oliver, prominent Maryland horseman and one-time member of the Maryland Racing Commission. Mr. Reid is a well known 'chasing rider, will be probably running Orguloosa this season.

Dr. Allen On "Glory"

Riding in the Apple Blossom Festival parade, Dr. L. M. Allen, noted obstetrician and horseman of Winchester, Va., and Berryville, was mounted on Miss Nancy Johnson's Clifton's Glory, grey daughter of *Belfonds, bred and raised on Dr. Allen's Clifton Farm. "I didn't know whether it was the beauty of the mare they were applauding the most or my effort at riding again", the

doctor later elated. Norman Haymaker, manager of Clifton Farm, had Clifton's Glory especially shod with rubber pads for the occasion. The former show mare, was bred to *Coq d'Esprit this spring.

Constitutional Mount

Ambassador Joseph Kennedy will be riding down Washington bridge trails these early mornings on a good hunter-type mare by Repulse—Magic Silence dam. Joe Lacey, of Upperville, Va., well known foxhunting-farmer and hunter dealer, sold the Ambassador the constitutional mount.

Monmouth Returnees

A recent visit to Northern New Jersey's new mile race course at Monmouth County, which commences its 36 day inaugural on June 10, was like a homecoming to veteran trainer Jim Fitzsimmons and his aide, George Tappen, for it marked a return to grounds they knew in the gay nineties when, as mere youngsters, they served as exercise boys for the Dwyer Brothers stable. "Racing was as colorful as its audience," Fitzsimmons reminisced about those days. "Exciting personages graced the turf, of which my employers—the Dwyer Brothers—were 2 of the outstanding. You would never take them to be brothers, so unlike were they in every way. Mike loved to gamble, as much as a hundred thousand dollars when he thought he was right. He dearly loved a short price, accepting as little as 1-60 on several occasions on his great mare, Miss Woodford. Gambling meant little to the other member of the family however, and it was brother Phil who finally took care of Mike when the law of averages caught up to him."

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Breeders' Notes

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Ellerslie Foals

Ellerslie Stud, named for the castle of a Scottish chieftain, William Wallace, with some of Virginia's best 1,500 acres, now owned by Robert H. Schllessinger, has long been the breeding establishment for the Arthur Hancock family. There Mr. Hancock started on his great road to fame. Ellerslie was his starting block before going West to Lexington, Ky., there Mr. Hancock, his brother Harris and 6 other children went to school. Mr. Hancock was born in the old brick-house, built in 1843 by his grandfather, John Overton Harris. The house, comfortable and filled with grace of age and living, has pictures of Henry Stull, one of Eolus, the first stallion at Ellerslie, originally owned by Major Doswell and brought to the farm by Captain Hancock. On the walls are portraits of Eolus' sons, Eole, Eon, of Russell, the sire of Rustle, the dam of Wise Counselor. Recently, when Mrs. Samuel Badger visited Ellerslie for The Chronicle, she found Mr. Hancock who had journeyed from Kentucky to his birthplace. He spoke of his regret in selling Ellerslie, the difficulty of owning two Thoroughbred establishments in different parts of the country, particularly when one is the size of Claiborne, in Kentucky. Manager Gentry, who has taken care of stallions, mares and foal crops for some 45 years, since 1901, has reported a number of foals from his final crop. Flopsie, by Stimulus, which lost her colt by Tintagel, has *Eastbourne's bay filly by Tintagel at her side. Flopsie went back to Tintagel. Mrs. Woods Garth's

Charred Keg, by Stimulus—Jug of Wine, by *Omar Khayyam, long a good producer of salable yearlings, has a bay filly by Tintagel this year and went back to Tintagel. La Monte, by *Delectable II—Dizzy Blonde, by *Golden Broom has a bay filly by Flares and went back to Tintagel. This mare belongs to Raymond White. Walter A. Edgar's Pennecote, by Pennant—Cherrycote, by Broomstick, down from Maryland with a lovely filly by Discovery, is to be bred to *Princequillo. Mrs. Thomas Waller's Adorn, by Dress Parade—*Vilna II, by *Volta, has a bay filly by *Princequillo, foaled on March 15, and went back to *Princequillo.

Flash Bulbs On Foals

Walter Salmon's Mereworth Farm is running weekly advertisements in The Blood Horse in diary form. The advertisements account for the feature events of the Mereworth Thoroughbred nursery each week. In the March 30 issue, a daughter of *Jacopo is pictured 5 minutes after birth with her dam *Best Value, who is to go back to Heliopolis this year. Observing this unique picture in The Chronicle offices in Middleburg, several horsemen were questioning the advisability of using flash-bulbs to obtain such a photograph at so early a moment in a foal's life. It was thought that there would be a possibility of impairing the vision of a foal at such a tender age by subjecting the eyes to such intense brightness.

Henry Knight's Saratoga's

Henry Knight has a magnificent lot of yearlings consigned to the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling sales. He has a full brother to Best Effort and another Ladysman which should be right up the alley of Rigan Mc-

Kinney, for this good conformation colt is really flashy, a chestnut, with blaze, white to the knees in front and to the stifles behind, and with a white spot near his flank.

Churches' New Matron

The Melville Churches, just back from Kentucky, have acquired another Thoroughbred matron to add to their growing nursery at North Cliff, Rixeyville, Va., an *Wrack mare, she has produced 4 winners and is being bred to Easy Mon. One of Henry Knight's top yearlings this year is out of her, by Teddy's Comet.

Delaware Stake 'Chases

Bryan Field, general manager, M. C. "Ty" Shea, racing secretary and J. Gilbert Haus, assistant racing secretary, have announced Delaware Park's calendar of stakes to be run during the traditional 30 day meeting, May 29 through July 4. The

Delaware Spring Maiden 'Chase goes June 13 with \$5,000 added and The Georgetown Steeplechase (June 27) and The Indian River Steeplechase (July 3) both have \$10,000 added. The latter stakes are run over the gorgeous outside turn of the Delaware Park 'chasing course.

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